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SACRED HEART AND VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. Isidore Newsletter

Father Ray Burkle

Looks like summer vacations are over. I know this because I'm seeing school buses on the move again, and kids and teachers back at the schools. Please keep our students and teachers in your prayers.

Summer always seems to go by way too quickly, and we never seem to get caught up on the things we want to. And vacations, no matter how long, always seem to be too short.

However, this is the time of year where I normally gently remind people that if they are thinking of joining the Catholic faith or interested in knowing a bit more about the Catholic faith, that they can get in contact with me, and we'll get something set up.

I normally meet with each person one-on-one (or with their spouse or significant other) to learn their current situation. From there I determine which plan of action to go with. If someone has not already been baptized Christian, then they will need more classes than someone who has been baptized. Those who have had more formal education in their faith will need less classes, and they will focus more on what is Catholic, and less on the Bible (provided they already know about the Bible).

If you, or someone you know, is thinking of becoming Catholic, please contact me either at the office (641-732-4342) or on my cell phone (563-580-2197) and we'll get the ball rolling.

SAVE THE DATE

"Anthony Digmann is a gifted and faithful Catholic evangelist. His speaking, writing, and teaching illuminate the truths of the Church for youth and adults alike, and his commitment to both the Church's mission and the Magisterium is inspiring. I am pleased to endorse Anthony and his evangelization apostolate."

Most Rev. Michael O. Jackels, S.T.D.,
Archbishop of Dubuque

A promotional poster for an Eucharistic Revival event. The title "EUCCHARISTIC Revival!" is at the top in large, bold letters, with "Revival!" in a script font. Below it, it says "WITH ANTHONY DIGMANN". A dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text "ST. ISIDORE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY". To the left, there are icons for a calendar and a clock, with the text "MARCH 19, 20, & 21" and "6:30 PM". A circular portrait of Anthony Digmann is on the right. At the bottom left, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the address "SACRED HEART 218 S 12TH ST OSAGE, IA 50461". At the bottom right, the website "ANTHONYDIGMANN.COM" is listed.

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Sacred Heart End of Summer Bash



Marjorie Michels turns 100 on October 12...by Marlys Rogers

Note: At the time this article was written Marjorie neared her 100th birthday. However, she was very ill and unable to communicate easily. She could provide answers to only a few questions and only in a few words. Her children provided the information and stories that follow, with Richard as my correspondent.

Marjorie was born October 12, 1922, to John and Julia (Hemann) Werner. Her siblings were Leon, Agnes (Pavlick), Donald, Theresa (Baldus), John Jr., and Mary Ann (Machecek). On February 6, 1945 she married Ralph B. Michels. They had nine children: Russell, Green Valley, AZ; Norman, Lakewood, CO; Mark, Green Valley, AZ; Loren, Faribault, MN; Jeanne (Penfold), Holland, NY; Richard, Clive, IA; Ralph Jr., Apple Valley, MN; Gary, Ventura, IA; and Anthony, Oak Hill, VA. There are 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Richard wrote the following: “Growing up, Marjorie was a ‘Meyer Girl’ through and through. Her grandmother, Theresa Werner, was the daughter of the village of Meyer’s namesake, John and Christina Meyer. Her grandfather, John E. Hemann, was a Mitchell County Supervisor from the Meyer area for many years. Both sets of grandparents – Martin and Theresa Werner and John E. and Theresa Hemann retired into the village of Meyer in homes near the Sacred Heart Church. Thus, as a young lady Marjorie spent much time in this town helping her relatives as they became more elderly.”

The following story is one Marjorie often told and provides some insight into her character. “The Werner farm was within walking distance of Sacred Heart School. When she began 1st grade, she would walk with the neighbor girl, Mildred Gerhartz (later Mrs. Ralph Thome). There was a problem in that Marjorie spoke only German and Mildred spoke only English. They taught each other their language and became life-long best friends.”

Every child in those days had chores to do. Agnes, Leon, and Marjorie would lighten their tasks by singing together. Marjorie also enjoyed singing with the Sacred Heart Choir, a memory she must have treasured because she managed to provide this answer herself.

The Catholic faith was very important throughout Marjorie’s life, beginning before she was born. Her grandparents, John E. and Theresa Hemann, donated one of the beautiful stained-glass windows that adorn Sacred Heart Church. Their names are etched into the glass.

The children described both parents as “devout members of Visitation parish”. Ralph taught CCD classes and Marjorie participated in Christian Mothers and with St. Rita’s National Order of Foresters (she served as president in 2012), which was involved in many fund-raising events. Ralph and Marjorie, in turn, encouraged their children to develop a strong Catholic faith.

The Michels owned a dairy/crop/hog/beef farm from 1957-1976. During part of that period and until 1986, Ralph worked as an underwriter for Farm Bureau Insurance. In later years, they owned a “hobby farm” south-east of Stacyville where Ralph raised and trained draft horses.

Meanwhile, Marjorie managed to keep busy mothering nine children, and, among many other activities, growing vegetables, fruit, and flowers. Rich noted, “She kept a full bird feeder and let the birds keep her company as she worked in the garden.”

The Little Cedar River ran through the family farm, and served as a great source of enjoyment. The woods around it attracted many species of birds to the farm, and the banks of the river served as a site for fishing and family picnics.

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The Little Cedar also provided entertainment for the children. Rich described it as a bit of a Huck Finn/Tom Sawyer life as they swam and fished on the river. He said his mother “tolerated” this.

In 1980, Marjorie’s interest in fishing led the couple to purchase a cabin on Roberds Lake near Faribault, Minnesota. Family gatherings and meals were always important to her, and this cabin became a gathering spot for summer holidays and weekends.

Marjorie enjoyed cooking - especially healthy meals prepared using fresh fruits and vegetables. She enjoyed baking and was good at it. Her Christmas T-Ring recipe was chosen from many submissions for publication in Midwest Living Magazine.

Other interests included designing and sewing quilts, using mostly fabrics she had collected since she was a girl; playing cards, and particularly 500; leading the Stacy Aces 4-H club 1966-1970; TOPS club, Penneyville Live and Learn Club (we could all benefit from this one); VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Osage; and the Stacyville Women’s Bowling League.

What to credit for Marjorie’s longevity? The children speculated it has something to do with her well-informed attempt to take care of her health. She gained some of her knowledge of nutrition through her role as a 4-H leader, and subscribed to more than one health letter. She exercised, riding her bike on errands in Stacyville, and in later years, she and Ralph took long walks around town.

Ralph passed in 2005. Marjorie continued living in Stacyville, one block from Visitation Church. Beginning in 2014, Marjorie lived at Stacyville Community Nursing Home, Apple Valley Assisted Living, and is currently living at St. Ansgar Good Samaritan Society.

Visitation Faith Formation...Barbara Ann Brumm, DRE/CRE

The 2022-2023 Faith Formation year is starting up with opening Mass on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to come and support our children and the new FF year. FF class for 1-6 grades will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm.

Sacred Heart Faith Formation...Tammy Lamb, CRE

The 2022-2023 Faith Formation year is starting up with opening Mass on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to come and support our children and the new FF year. FF class for 1-6 grades will be on Wednesday evenings and grades 7-10 will be on Sunday evenings. Both evenings will run from 6:30 to 7:45pm. Again, this year we will be having Mass here at Sacred Heart Church on the second Wednesday evening of the month at 6:30pm (except February which will be the last Wednesday because it’s Ash Wednesday). This Mass is open to all, and we hope you will join us. The children will be performing an Advent program on Sunday, December 11, that is also open to the public. These are a few things that are happening this first half of our year with our Faith Formation program. I am looking forward to another great year!

Osage Homecoming Lunch served by the Guild Ladies

There will be a lunch at Sacred Heart Church Hall on Friday, September 23, from 11am-1pm. Meal will be a hot sandwich, baked beans, salad, chips, and a dessert. Don’t forget to wear your “green and white” to support all of Osage’s sports teams!

Totus Tuus...by Tammy Lamb





A Sample of Catholics Quilting in Osage...by Marlys Rogers

Those who have donated quilting to benefit Sacred Heart are not organized, as the Visitation Quilters are. They work at home or in one or more clubs, the largest being the Cedar Valley Quilters Guild. All four ladies featured in this article are members, and all four have donated to Autumn Artistry, or in the past to the Sacred Heart Fall Festival.

Shirley Penney and Becci Havig came to see me a few weeks ago after spending the day at the Friday Sewing Group, which meets at Debbie's Quilt Shop, or the Osage public library when Debbie's is occupied with quilters on retreat.

The ladies were full of information and enthusiastic about quilting. Shirley did say, however, that her house "would scare people" because of all the projects in view that have been started or are waiting to be started. Becci talked about how quilting has a "calming effect" and gives her a sense of accomplishment.

Shirley learned sewing in 4-H (Dorothy Niess was one of her leaders). Quilting came later, but her first try was much too heavy. She had sewn five eighths inch seam allowances used in garment sewing instead of the one quarter inch seams used in quilting.

Becci learned garment sewing from her mother, Ramona Morse. When Becci lived in Mason City, she owned a country crafts store called Granny's Cupboard, which was across the way from a quilting shop. She learned a lot by watching. Most of her projects are made of wool, mainly wall hangings and table toppers. She pieces fabrics by hand – unusual these days – and prefers small projects, some of which fit nicely in her lap.

In general, the clubs do not teach quilting, but a popular way to learn is the Block of the Month Club. Students purchase fabric for one 12" block, and attend an instructional meeting. If a person comes to the next month's meeting with a finished block, fabric for the second one is free, and so forth. This is a way to make a quilt top with 12 blocks for the price of one.

Shirley teaches a class at Debbie's where students work with wool to make three Christmas ornaments a month. Most of her own projects are quilts – mainly for family members. She made two for the Sacred Heart Fall Festival and one smaller one for last year's Autumn Artistry.

Connie Jensen appeared at my door wearing a t-shirt that read "Imagine a World Where Fabric Is Free and Quilting Makes You Thin". Her mother showed her how to sew clothing and her grandmother showed her how to quilt. Later she made several hand-pieced quilts in a Block of the Month Club.

After her grandmother died, Connie felt as though her "heart was crushed" and her brain wouldn't function properly. She couldn't translate quilting instructions from the paper to her sewing machine.

Thanks to her doctor, she felt her heart and mind were healed. She was able to continue quilting, which carried her through rough times – like grieving her grandmother and then her husband, who died when he was 48.

Connie has lived in St. Ansgar for seven years and has quilted with the Stacyville Mission Quilters as well as at clubs in Osage. She teaches a What-Nots Club at Debbie's. The group makes eight small quilts a year and one that is a mystery. For Connie, quilting has provided comfort and satisfaction – both in the making and the giving.

Minerva Wagner is a prolific quilter. She belongs, and has for many years, to the Cedar Valley Quilters Guild, and participates in Stash Busters. Once a month she receives directions for a quilt and uses fabric from her collection, or "stash", to make it.

She also belongs to the North Iowa Quilters Guild in Mason City. They make quilts for Four Oaks Services' adolescents, as well as baby quilts for hospitals and comfort quilts for members, many of whom are older ladies. This group, even more than most, provides an event at which to socialize.

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At Sacred Heart, in the 60's and 70's, a study club met to make tied quilts for auction. Minerva recalled, off hand, a few of the members – Erna Schultheis, Mary Pelleymounter, and her mother-in-law, Aterna Wagner.

At some point ladies from Sacred Heart started to hand-quilt independently, or in a group at someone's home, to make quilts and smaller pieces for the Fall Festival. Five of the other ladies involved included Cassie Kloberdanz, Norraine Hemann, Evelyn Brumm, Marcella Voight, and Joan Hemann.

It was her father's sister who taught Minerva, and her first pattern was "Grandmother's Flower Garden". Over the years she has made many quilts for her five children and eleven grandchildren. She is thinking of what to do about the 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Note: This year, at the Mitchell County Fair, Connie Jensen won the Grand Champion ribbon in the quilting division and Shirley Penney won the Reserve Grand Champion. Congratulations!

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON (Our New Next-Door Neighbor)...by Janice Shonrock

On July 29, I watched, via computer, as Bishop Robert Barron was installed as the ninth bishop of the Winona-Rochester, MN. Diocese. For the past six years, he has been Auxiliary Bishop of the Los Angeles Diocese under Archbishop Jose' Gomez. Bishop Barron is replacing Bishop John Quinn who has retired. This Winona-Rochester Diocese extends across the entire southern border of Minnesota, making it our Neighbor on our northern border. So we say, "Welcome neighbor!" to Bishop Barron.

I first learned about Bishop Barron from his YouTube videos. There must be thousands of them teaching about our Catholic faith. Then, when Covid 19 caused our churches to close he made available daily Masses online. I started watching and was impressed. His prayerful Mass with thought provoking homilies held my attention. I found out later that he had taught for over 20 years at Mundelein Seminary and was also Rector there before becoming bishop. He speaks and read several languages, has written many books, and speaks at events worldwide. He spoke at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland as one example. (One of my granddaughters was there!)

He started an online institute called, "Word on Fire" several years ago with headquarters in Chicago and Texas which has continued in the capable hands of many staff members since he became a bishop. He plans to bring offices and recording studios to Minnesota where he will continue taping his Sunday homilies, daily gospel reflections, YouTube videos, and his weekly "Word on Fire shows. You can subscribe to any and all of these online.

From listening to him speak, it is evident that Catholic Education and Evangelization are Bishop Barron's top priorities. And, let us not forget, as I noted in a previous article, bishop started the "Eucharistic Revival" movement which is a Big part of Catholic Education!! It will be interesting to see what he brings to Minnesota Catholics.

I'm excited to think, since Bishop Robert Barron, is now our 'neighbor', Maybe we will have the opportunity to hear him speak, in person! Wouldn't that be great?!!

Eucharistic Revival...by Janice Schonrock

What is Eucharistic Revival all about you ask? Maybe you remember that on June 19, the Feast of Corpus Christi, at communion time at Sacred Heart we were offered the “Blood of Christ” for the first time in a few years. Well, that day was also pronounced by the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) as the first day of a three year movement called the “EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL” in the USA.

Why? For several reasons, but one was because of the startling results of a pew study done in September 2019. It reported that only 30% of Catholics attending Mass regularly understand the Eucharist! That means 70% Do Not believe in or at least are confused by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Needless to say, we have a problem! This belief is known as the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith! This, along with the fact that other surveys have shown there has been an increase in the number of young people indicating they have No religion, known as the “nones”, has caused the bishops to decide something needs to be done. In 2020, the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis chaired by Bishop Robert Barron began meeting to make a plan. (Note: He was installed as bishop of Winona/Rochester, MN, on July 29, 2022) They met in January and February. Then, came Covid 19 and things had to be put on hold. Finally, in November, the bishops were able to meet again. In 2021, Bishop Andrew Cozens of Crookston, MN, became chair of the committee and planning for the “EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL” continued. It began on June 19.

This is a 3 year plan or movement intended to “Renew Our Encounter With Jesus” in the Eucharist! Each year has a specific goal. Year 1, Diocese Events; Year 2, Parish & Parishioner Events (small groups); Year 3, NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS in Indianapolis. They are looking for 100,000 Catholics to attend!! The last National Eucharistic Congress in the US was 50 years ago with St. Pope John Paul II and St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta in attendance! Wow!

The bishops have chosen Blessed Carlos Acutis as Patron of this first year, June 2022 to June 2023. Another article on page 10 will tell you more about this young man.

Now, what can We do? Our church needs healing! Let’s help!

To begin, we should Read our own Archbishop Jackels’ monthly newsletter “TOGETHER”. The July and August issues (bulletin inserts) are the first and second of three installments of a series of articles that will concern the Revival. They are also found on the dbq.org/together website.

We can also sign up online to receive a weekly email newsletter called, ‘The Heart of the Revival’. (eucharisticrevival.org). Let’s keep informed! YouTube is another source of information.

AND, we could just start talking about this with family and friends. Ask questions and make sure our children & grandchildren understand that it is Jesus hiding in the communion host. He wants to be with us. Talk about your First Holy Communion, when was it, how old were you? Do you have pictures of that day? Etc.

Are we preparing for Mass? Reading the ‘readings’ before Mass? (finding reflections can help us understand better) Fasting from food for 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion? (Yes, that is still a thing), Confession recently?

Do we show respect for Jesus in the Tabernacle? (Genuflect, Sign of the Cross with Holy Water, No gum, please Silence (people are praying), Appropriate Dress (This is Jesus’ house, not the beach).

And are we pointing out That Special Time to our Children?...THE CONSECRATION/ELEVATION....when the bread and wine become THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST! (We can show them how to look at Jesus, bow our heads or put our hand to our chest and quietly say, “My Lord and my God” (The Sisters taught us that!)

Let’s all pray for the success of this “EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL”, a revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

A Tech Teen Saint

Blessed Carlo Acutis has been named Patron for the first year of the “Eucharistic Revival.” (See other article on page 9.) He is a young teenager who had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. After his First Communion he began asking his parents to take him to Mass often, which became daily. His mother says he brought her back to the church. Up until this time she had only gone to Mass a few times, her First Communion, Confirmation and Wedding Day. Because he was always asking questions, she decided to take classes to learn more about her faith.



Carlo was born in London in 1991, but the family then moved to Milan, Italy, where he grew up. His life was that of a normal child, playing with friends, having a pet dog, going to school and playing sports. But, he was a very bright child, learning new things easily. He became very interested in computers. So, they bought him text books, actually college level books and he taught himself computer programming. He loved playing games on the computer, but decided he needed to limit himself to once a week. He noticed that there wasn’t much online about faith in Jesus, so began his own evangelizing. When he learned about Eucharistic Miracles he started researching the subject. At age 11 he began to build a website cataloging over 100 of these miracles. He and his family actually visited many of the sites so he could see these places, take pictures and write about them. After his death, these were made into a traveling exhibit that is being display all over the world.

Carlo also had a great concern for young people at his school who were poor, disadvantaged, troubled or bullied. He would visit with them and try to lift their spirits by telling them about Jesus and maybe telling them jokes. He would also invite them to his home for supper or use his allowance to help them. His family vacationed in Assisi where he learned about St. Francis and how he was rich and gave everything away so he could help the poor. Carlo wanted to be like that.

At age 15, Carlo was diagnosed with acute Leukemia. He told his family he was not afraid to die because he had always lived his life doing things that would please God. He said he would offer any sufferings for Pope Benedict (Pope at the time) and the Church. He was close to Jesus since he received him every day at Mass as well as spent lots of time in Adoration. He also loved the Blessed Virgin and said the rosary each day!

He is quoted saying, “the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of Heaven. He would also say, “The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven.”

Carlo died on October 12, 2006.

He is the first Catholic of the millennial generation to be beatified. Pope Francis called him “a tech teen” and a great example for our young people of today. Carlo Acutis’ Beatification took place on October 10, 2020, in Assisi, Italy, where he was buried. (Close to St. Francis)

It was recently announced there will be First Class Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis going on a National Tour during this time of “Eucharistic Revival!” Wouldn’t it be a blessing if they were to come somewhere near us?

We await the day Carlo is Canonized a Saint. A Saint in Jeans, Sweatshirt and Sneakers, a Tech Teen Saint!

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, PRAY FOR US AND THOSE WHO QUESTION THE “REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS” IN THE EUCHARIST.



Have You Found Your Voice?

In the last newsletter, we shared about the Music Ministries that are offered here at Sacred Heart Parish, and the different roles in which they remain fully engaged with the congregation in worship and song- whether it be cantors, choirs, pianists, organists, or instrumentalists.

These folks are called to use their God-given gifts, and to encourage congregational singing-not **FOR** you, but **WITH** you. We are all one body in singing and praying together, all for the glory and honor of God. We are not a performance, and are not meant to draw attention to ourselves, but rather to encourage the congregation to lift our voices up together in unity during the Liturgical Mass, deepening our relationship with God through song.

How blessed we are with our congregation's prayerful, joyful voices at Mass. This parish sings! Although we ourselves have only one voice, together we witness to each other in making a beautiful noise unto the Lord.

Some of us in the pews feel we may be judged by others regarding our singing voice and may feel it best not to participate at Mass. Let me tell you-it is not about us! It is about glorifying our God with the God-given voice He has created for you. Your voice is beautiful in His eyes, and it is up to you to do what you will with that voice.

Maybe you may not be physically able to sing, or maybe some Liturgical songs just bring you to emotional tears, and you just can't get the words out. Sing from within-God hears your heart and hears you from the depths of your soul. We are not to judge.

Let us keep the life and vitality of our congregations exuberant in praise and glad thanksgiving-**SINGING IS PRAYING!** Have you found your voice?

*There is always a need for Music Ministers-particularly cantors-please come and see me or speak to anyone involved in the Music Ministry- you will be most welcome. Maybe it is something you would like to try but don't know where to begin-we are here to help. Maybe you would like to cantor or play-but don't want to do it alone. We are here for you!

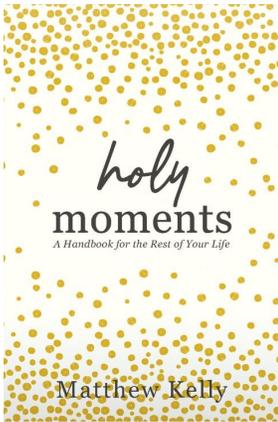
Let's Sing Together at Sacred Heart

As the choirs of Sacred Heart gear up for the Fall, we will be including prelude music, followed by silence. Please feel free to sing together as a whole congregation in preparing for the Sacred Celebration of the Mass.

Children's Choir!...by Katie Elgin

If you are like me and have missed the children's choir the last couple of years at Mass, I have some great news for you. We plan to bring the children's choir back to Mass this year throughout the school year. Our intent is to have the choir perform once a month from October through May. We hope to kick things off with a short camp after Mass one Sunday in September for a couple of hours. This will provide the children with a chance to get to know one another, learn a couple of songs and make their own musical instrument. There may be a short concert for the parents after the camp to showcase the new songs we learned! We are still working on some of the details of when we plan to have additional practices throughout each month. If you have a child in grades 1 through 8, interested in participating in the choir, you will find a sign up sheet in the back of the church, I will also have Tammy Lamb email out the sign up sheet to children enrolled in Faith Formation or you can reach out to me via phone at 515-450-6076. We look forward to adding this music to our future Mass celebrations.

“Holy Moments” book will be available during Advent



Several of these books will be available toward the beginning of Advent. Pick up a copy in the entrance of both churches.

“You have so much more to offer. You know it. You have sensed it for some time now. This sacred truth has been bubbling up in your soul. But you have never known quite what to do about it. All that is about to change. Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them, changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it, your life will finally make sense. It’s time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It’s time to explore your soul-potential.”

FOR SAFETY’S SAKE...

Do NOT ride in automobiles: they cause 20% of all fatal accidents.

Do NOT stay home: 17% of all accidents do occur in the home.

Do NOT walk on the streets or sidewalks: 14% of all accidents happen to pedestrians.

Do NOT travel by air, rail, or water: 16% of all accidents happen on these.

Only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are related to previous physical disorders. Hence, the safest place for you to be at any time is church.

(Bible study is safe, too. The percentage there is even less.)

Go to church! IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

ROUTINE CHECK-UP

- I went to the Lord’s Clinic to have my routine check-up and I confirmed I was ill.
- When Jesus took my blood pressure, He saw I was low in tenderness.
- When He read my temperature, the thermometer registered 40 degrees of anxiety.
- He ran an electrocardiogram and found I needed several “love bypasses” since my arteries were blocked with loneliness and could not provide for an empty heart.
- I went to orthopedics, because I could not walk by my brother or sister’s side and I couldn’t hug my friends, since I had fractured myself when tripping with envy.
- He also found I was short-sighted, since I could not see beyond the shortcomings of my brothers and sisters.
- When I complained about deafness, the diagnostic was that I had stopped listening to Jesus’ voice talking to me on a daily basis.
- For all of that, Jesus gave me a free consultation thanks to his mercifulness, so my pledge is to, once I leave this clinic, only take the natural remedies he prescribed through his words of truth.
- Every morning take a full glass of gratitude.
- When getting to work, take one spoon of peace.
- Every hour, take one pill of patience, one cup of brotherhood and one glass of humility.
- When getting home, take one dose of love.
- When getting to bed, take two caplets of clear conscience.
- Do not give in into sadness or desperation for what you are going through today. God knows how you feel... God knows exactly and with perfection what is being allowed to happen to you in your life at this precise moment.
- God’s purpose for you is simply perfect. He wants to show you things that only you can understand by living what you are living, and by being in the place you are now.

Another Successful Rummage Sale at Sacred Heart...Tammy Lamb

Thank you to all who donated items, purchased items, and those that gave their time to help before, during, and after our rummage sale. A special THANKS to Carol Riley for heading up and organizing the sale. We raised over \$6000!

Thank You so much!



CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism,
he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,
he learns to fight.

If a child lives with shame,
he will feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,
he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with ridicule,
he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with encouragement,
he learns confidence.

If a child lives with fairness,
he learns justice.

If a child lives with security,
he learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,
he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
he learns to find love in the world.

Back-to-School Prayer Tips

During this time of year, when we're getting back into the swing of packing lunches and unpacking book bags, we are also forming our daily routines and habits. Here are some ideas on how to spend quality time with God in prayer during hectic days and nights.

Mark it Down: While we fill the calendars on refrigerators with volleyball practices, Scout meetings and PTA events, pencil in a Rosary once or twice a week and explain why we as Catholics need to keep Mary front and center in our lives. (Hint: Because Jesus did.)

Mix it Up: We all can get in a rut with our prayer life, but there are thousands of books and websites to help inspire you. From daily devotionals to family prayer books, find them and read (or pray) them as a family.

Give Thanks: Too often our prayers consist of a simple list of intentions — the sick and dying, vocations, our families, etc. While these are tremendously important, we need to teach our kids that prayer is more than a litany of wants. So thank Jesus, every day, and be specific in your gratitude.

On the Go: Praying in the car can be the easiest and most convenient way to fit prayer into a busy schedule. Find a CD or download an MP3 of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and pray along with it. Not only is it a beautiful prayer, it takes less than 10 minutes.

Bedtime Q & A: Let the kids pray for their individual intentions on their own once they climb into bed. Instead, pray the Our Father as a family and, afterward, have a short, nightly discussion on Church teaching. Your kids will have questions on why we believe what we believe. If you don't know the answer, be honest, and then find it. Go through the Catechism of the Catholic Church together.



St. Isidore Faith Formation (Sacred Heart and Visitation)...Barb Brumm

Catechetical Year 2022-2023

This year the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022. The Theme for this year is, *This is my body given for You*. Those who have accepted the call to serve as Catechists and leaders of children's Liturgy of the Word will be commissioned for their ministry on the 18th. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of their Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The ministry of teaching (Catechesis/evangelization) in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church... It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others. Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of the catechists in the parishes but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

“No matter where we are on our journey of Faith, we are called to be witnessing disciples. Rotted and empowered by our loving relationship with Christ and trusting that He will provide us all that we need, we can share His love in whatever mission field he sends us.

Anniversaries

25 years

October 4 Matthew & Jacqueline Hanna

30 years

September 29 Terry & Allison Kruse

35 years

September 19 Terry & Tonya Adams

October 3 Jim & Mary Spitz

October 24 Del & Karen Gast

November 27 Paul & Coralie Krebsbach

November 28 Dennis & Julie Morrison

45 years

October 22 Stephen & June Weis

November 19 Ronald & Connie Pint

50 years

September 16 Joseph & Patricia Huffman

October 14 Robert & Grace Wagner

November 4 Patrick & Sheila Hennessey

55 years

November 25 Michael & Patricia Pritchard

Sacred Heart Oratory, Meyer
Fall Drive Thru Supper
Sunday, October 30, 2022
3:30-6:30pm

Happy Birthday!

Celebrate 85 years and older!

September 2 Paul Schwab

September 3 Glen Adams

September 13 Raymond Kisley

September 14 Richard Nerad

September 15 Gus Gostonczik

September 18 Duane Johnson

September 22 Helen Rogers

September 25 Janice Dempsey

September 27 Florence Flugge

October 2 James Gerdes

October 10 Shirley Johanns

October 10 Minerva Wagner

October 16 Barbara Fry

October 20 Mildred Mullenbach

October 27 Vera Kasel

November 5 Beverly Place

November 7 Vincent Weber

November 9 Helen Neuwohner

November 13 Marilyn Rogers

November 17 Dorothy Popp

November 20 Mary Helen French

November 26 Marilyn Reis

November 30 Mary Jensen

September 17 Ann Hemann

September 20 Mary Puettmann

October 12 Marjorie Michels

October 13 Erma Duponchee

November 6 Frederick Halfman

November 22 Mary Ann Klapperich

Sacred Heart Bible Studies—You are Invited!

There are two Bible Studies at Sacred Heart. Each Bible Study uses the same materials. Come check one of them out.

Thursday at 9am after the 8:30am Mass. Meets in the meeting room.

Friday at 9am. Meets in the Parish Hall.

St. Isidore Youth Ministry Shoe Drive Fundraiser

St. Isidore Youth Ministry is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser from NOW through November 30, 2022, to raise funds for the Catholic HEART WorkCamp Mission trip in Summer 2023. St. Isidore Youth Ministry will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at Sacred Heart Church east entrance, Sacred Heart Faith Formation Center entrance, and Visitation Church middle entrance or elevator door entrance or by calling Tammy at 641-732-3428 to arrange an appointment for pick up.

Sacred Heart End of Summer Bash Fun Times



Sacred Heart End of Summer Bash Big Wheel Races



3 year olds-1st Owen, 2nd Jenna, 3rd Lane



4 year olds-1st Henry, 2nd Clara



5-6 year olds-1st Parker, 2nd Odin



7-8 year olds-1st Miranda, 2nd Oakley, 3rd McKenna



Sacred Heart-End of Summer Bash-August 28, 2022...by Sam Taets

Our second annual End of Summer Bash was a great way to wrap up summer and begin to transition into the fall season! The event started at 11:30am, after Sunday morning Mass and offered something for everyone! The event began with the Mitchell County Cattleman's Association cooking up some tasty ribeye sandwiches, hamburgers and hotdogs, accompanied by sides and drinks. We estimate we served about 245 people. As an after-dinner treat, ice cream cones and sundaes were available. Live music was played outside and a great playlist of songs was enjoyed in the church hall. Kids enjoyed the bounce house, face painting, yard games, dartboard with balloons, kiddie fishing pool, sail boat race, squirt gun ball races, big wheel races and a water balloon toss. Silent Auction items were set up for bidding prior to the End of Summer Bash and concluded at 1:30-the list of winners is below. From 12:30-2pm we did the drawing for the raffle ticket prizes-the list of winners is below; the grand prize winner of \$500 was Jim Stefl. It was great to see the fellowship that this event brought! The event was made possible by many, many volunteers, donations and participants. We cannot thank everyone enough for their support! Please save the date for next year, tentatively August 27, 2023, same time, same place!

Raffle Winners

\$500 Jim Stefl
\$300 Brenda Huebsch
\$250 Jo Popp
\$250 Jim Gerk
\$250 Sherri Kleckner
\$200 Sally Younker
\$100 Bev Boehmer
\$100 Stadtler Meitner
\$100 Marian Duryee
\$100 Boone Adams
\$100 Janet Taets
\$100 Megan Taets
\$100 Bob Wetherall
\$100 Jim Gerk
\$50 Dick Meirick
\$50 Janice Schonrock
\$50 Bev Darrow
\$50 Fay Christensen
\$50 Babs Schroeder
\$50 Ginger Thompson
\$50 Megan Taets
\$50 Alex Taets
\$50 Angela Clark
\$50 Leo Meitner
\$50 Neil Hernan
\$50 Gift Card Erma Adams
\$25 Gift Card Bill Coonradt
\$25 Gift Card Tom Thome
\$25 Gift Card Sheila Adams
\$25 Gift Card Tracy Mullenbach
\$25 Gift Card Erma Adams
\$25 Gift Card Evelyn Mobley
Bird Feeder Dee Urbatsch
Blender Janice Schonrock
Nail Products Keri Erickson
Hair Products Melinda Darrow





VISITATION FALL FESTIVAL PORK LOIN MEAL DRIVE-THRU

Visitation Catholic Church Parking Lot

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
4 - 6 pm (or until gone)

Meal includes: pork loin sandwich, BBQ baked beans,
chips, cookie, & water/milk

FREE WILL DONATION!

In town delivery available, call (641) 832-8718

Raffle tickets are available in Stacyville at:
St. Ansgar State Bank, K&N Mini Mart,
Northern Country Coop, Ronnie Pitzen (641)832-8718,
and Betty Johnson (641)220-3438.



The next 4 dates:

September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21

Sacred Heart Church Hall, Osage

Play Bingo from 10:30-11:30am
\$.25 per card — 50% payout

Following Bingo, there will be a light lunch. Cost is \$5.
Public is welcome!
Bring your friends!
Come for Coffee, Bingo, Lunch & Fun!

Baptisms

SH 6-26-22 Cora Suzanne, daughter of Curtis & Micheala Eisenmann
VIS 7-16-22 Lillian Rae, daughter of Scott Brumm & Marisa Thilges
SH 7-24-22 Mari Anna, daughter of Benson & Lora Hargens

New Parishioners

SH Steven & Vicki Johnson
SH Mary Fala
SH David & Lorie Calarco
SH Keith Niess
SH Loren Niess

Marriage

VIS 6-25-22 Luke Johnson & Elizabeth Mayer
VIS 8-13-22 Jared Mayer & Crystal Theobald

Deaths

SH 6-7-22 Kathleen "Cassie" Kloberdanz
SH 6-9-22 Joyce Naig
SH 6-9-22 Craig Low
SH 8-3-22 Lucille Hultman
VIS 8-13-22 Marcene Heimerman
VIS 8-27-22 Esther Klapperich

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