

# CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Welcome

We are GLAD you are HERE. Any Questions? Please Call: 583-9117 or e-mail Secretary, Sue Schmitt at S.Schmitt@dbqarch.org

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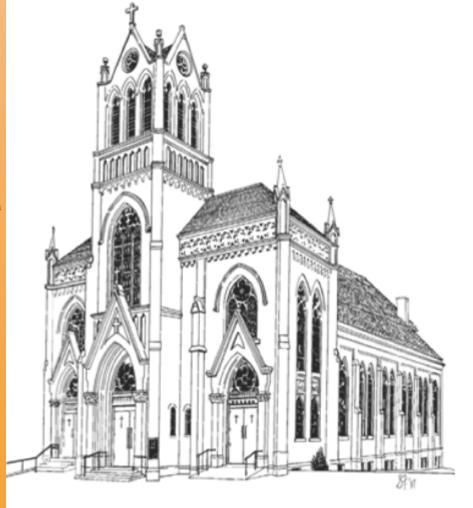
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#### **Mission Statement**

God CALLS us to be disciples and FORMS us by our Catholic Faith to ENCOUNTER Christ EMBRACE deeper faith and EMPOWER Christian action.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:15 pm



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#### **ENCOUNTER:** Mass Intention and added

prayers for:

- Monday, February 8 9:00 am Dave Cushman Family In Thanksgiving Tuesday, February 9 9:00 am † Mary Mangers Wednesday, February 10 9:00 am † Ray & Fran Mescher Thursday, February 11 9:00 am † Mary Hinkel Friday, February 12 7:00 am † Daniel P. Aislin Saturday, February 13 4:15 pm † Gilford Hohnecker \* John A. Baumgarther
  - \* June & Kenneth Palm \* John Schwendinger
  - \* Jack Holmes
- Sunday, February 14
- 8:00 am **Pro Popolo** \* In Honor of John & Polly Splinter \* Gina Danner 10:00 am **† Melvin Freisinger**
- \* Paul H. & Darlene Freisinger \* Barb Setter

### **EMBRACE:** This Week

Monday, February 8		
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts—PH	
Wednesday, February 10		
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts—Convent	
Thursday, February 11		
6:00 pm	Bible Study—PH	
6:00 pm	Reconciliation—Center Vestibule	

**REMINDER:** Friday Morning Mass is at 7 am with the Seminarians!

"I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked St. Joseph at any time for anything which he has not granted; and I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favors which God has given me through this saint."

– St. Theresa Avila

#### **EMPOWER:** Financial Report

Week of		
Weekly Received	\$11,652.20	
Weekly Budgeted	\$18,759.00	
Weekly Shortage	(\$7,106.80)	
Since July 1, 2020:		
Year-To-Date Received	\$622,514.89	
Year-To-Dave Budgeted\$581,529.00		
Year-To-Date SURPLUS!!	\$40,985.89	



**Snow Removal Plan:** If it is snowing when you come to morning Mass PLEASE park in the flat lot across the Street. It is the first lot cleaned and in the

best shape HOWEVER, if it is really bad outside PLEASE re-think leaving the safety of your home.

**Our Parish Is Sponsoring** the St. Pat's Meal on Wednesday, March 10th. Anyone interested in helping with this meal, please contact Mark Hoeger at 563-213-0477. If you want to contribute to the



cost of this meal please put your contribution in an envelope marked "St. Pat's Meal". Thank you!



**2021** Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference: The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 and will feature keynote speaker Patrick Madrid, along with breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, and more. Due to COVID-19, participants can register to join either virtually (via live-

stream) or in-person at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids (where guidelines will be followed to prevent the spread of the virus). For more details/ registration, visit: www.ArchMensConference.org.

**Did You Know** ... For \$250 you can honor a loved one by providing hosts and wine at all liturgies for one month at St. Columbkille Parish? OR you can honor a loved one by providing the candle in the Sanctuary Lamp for one month at a cost of \$12? OR you can honor a loved one by having their name read at Mass at



a cost of \$5 per Mass. What a great way to honor a loved one AND provide monetary assistance to your parish.



**Please Support** the businesses listed on the back of the Bulletin. Their sponsorship allows us to provide a weekly Bulletin to parishioners at NO cost to the parish. Tell them you saw their ad in our Bulletin.

### Sunday

"To the weak, I became weak, to win over as many as possible." One does not have to live very long to know that we all are a mix of strengths and weaknesses.

Much of life is spent maximizing our strengths, putting them to work for our benefit, and minimizing our experience of being weak in any way. Perhaps our deepest desire, however, is to know that we are loved in the midst of weaknesses. God responds to that need in Jesus Christ who accepted the powerlessness of death on a cross and rising again **not** to **condemn us,** but to share His **victory of weakness** over death's power. Weakness *in Christ* is a *path to*–and not a *detriment to*–the fullness of human life.

So much of seminary formation for the priesthood is what we call *human formation*. Much of that is becoming aware of one's weaknesses and being able to *work with them rather than hide them* in ways that keep one from sharing oneself and being a "bridge to Christ."

That ability to share out of one's weakness is the work of Grace in all of us—a self-acceptance that God's love for me *in my weakness and sin* makes possible. It is the fruit of prayer, and then risking to offer you my incompleteness to receive if you will. Christ's love makes it all possible! That offered vulnerability is at the core of all human relationships from marriage and parenting, to friendships, and the bonds of a shared humanity. It's what Pope Francis hopes we all take away from this pandemic as a grace in the midst of so much *weakness in common*.

St. Paul commends Christians to this ministry of *becoming weak* for you, that is really a showing and sharing of one's already *present weaknesses*. That is why at the core of parish life are the ways we become weak to each other—we welcome those who are new because we need their witness of faith; and we ask you to share your gifts to foster parish life because it will inevitably bring your also sharing weaknesses, needs, desires that turn us all to Jesus and to each other. Parish life and staff and ministries change as we try to better *become weak to the weak*. We are all weak! Grace allows us to see that as a doorway to a shared joy, if in the strength we have in Christ, and for the sake of the Gospel, we can admit it, and share it!

Lent is a great time to work with owning, and sharing our weaknesses *In Christ.* Be watching next weekend's mail for our Lenten newsletter and the opportunities it holds.

#### Fr. Tom

## Lent is Coming. . . Are You Ready?

#### ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week Week of February 7, 2021

Sun:	Jb 7:1-4,6-7/1 Cor9:16-19,22-23/
	Mk1:29-39
Mon.	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tues:	Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wed.	Gn2:4b-9,15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thurs:	Gn2:18-25/Mk7:24-30
Fri:	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Sat:	Gn3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sun:	Lv 13:1-2,44-46/1 or 10:31—11:1/
	Mk1:40-45



Impact 2021-2022 Cohort—Registration Now Open! This two -year program for adults offers spiritual,



theological, intellectual, and pastoral formation in the Catholic faith in order to help participants live out missionary discipleship in their parish and community. The next two-year cohort begins in September of 2021 and will meet at St. Mark Church in Iowa Falls. Please consider parishioners you can invite to participate. More information is available at <u>www.DBQArch.org/IMPACT.</u> Registration is now open!

EMPOWER: The Office of Catholic Charities is the social service organization of the Archdiocese focusing on strengthening families and reducing poverty. Call 563-556-2580 when in need.



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