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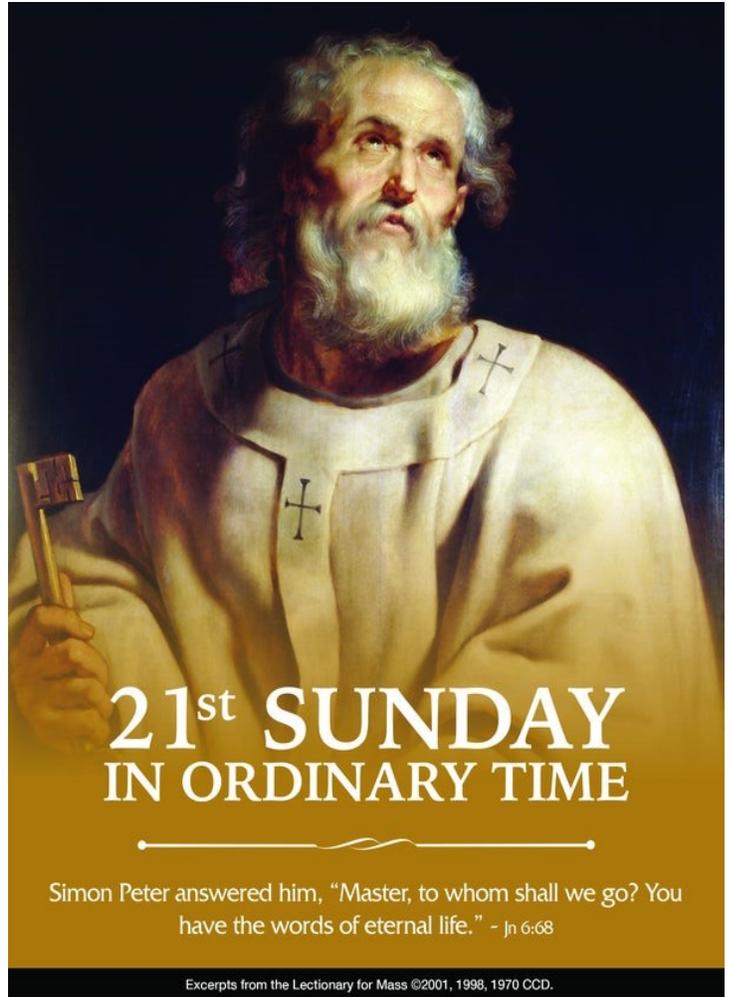
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From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Today, many people view religion as mere sentiment and wishful thinking devoid of intellectual substance or truth. We must, with all humility, resist this view. Catholicism has prized knowledge and learning from the beginning. For proof, read Paul, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Athanasius, John Chrysostom, Gregory Nazianzen, Augustine, Gregory the Great, John of Damascus, the Venerable Bede, Anselm of Canterbury, or Bernard of Clairvaux. These names are but a tiny sample of great minds from the first 1100 years of Christianity.

Faith is not a feeling. Catholicism understands the act of faith to be an act of the intellect seeking and responding to divine truth. Faith, relying on divine revelation, seeks understanding beyond what can be known by natural human reason. Faith is a higher form of knowledge that is not directly competitive with empirical science, mathematics, history, philosophy, or other avenues of seeking truth. Catholics embrace both faith and reason. Read Saint Thomas Aquinas if you have any doubt. We do not fear learning.

Because we are concerned for the Truth, we pray very intentionally and precisely in our liturgical prayer. Our prayer is a fruit of the faith of the Church. Here is an example of the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Mary that we celebrated last week:

O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

What does this testify concerning our belief about Mary? This Collect reflects that Mary, in her humility, received great grace from God. Because she is the mother of Jesus, and Jesus is God, she is also fittingly titled Mother of God. When Mary was assumed into Heaven, she was crowned with surpassing glory as the royal Queen Mother (consistent with the Old Testament). She is portrayed this way in our reading from Revelation 11. There Mary is seen as the new Ark of the Covenant. Mary prays through the merits of her Son's redemption that we might also be exalted on high. Therefore, what God has accomplished for Mary gives us hope that He will do the same for us.

Our faith is true and exceedingly rich in meaning. The saints have thought with great care and guidance by the Holy Spirit. Let us enter our faith more deeply, learning from many of the greatest thinkers in history to live in the fullness of the truth. As we increase in knowledge, we can also increase in love.

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Happy Anniversary

Congratulations

Denny and Judy Brumm

celebrated their 60th

Anniversary on August 19th.

Please keep them in your prayers

Role of Catholics in Society

Question:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

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Our Fathers Podcast

Tune into a podcast by Fr. Joseph and Fr. Josh of Mason City by going to the homepage of the Archangels website.



Cluster Calendar of Events

Thursday Aug 26

FC 6:30 pm Faith Formation Commission Meeting

Sunday Aug 29

FC 6:00 pm NCYC Gathering

From the Pastor

This week in the Gospel Jesus turns to his closest disciples after many others decided that what he was telling them was too hard or they could not believe. Jesus says to them “Do you also want to leave?” Peter responds “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...”

We are challenged by the Gospels. We are challenged by the Old Testament prophets and writers. We are challenged by St. Paul through his letters, St Peter and St John in their writings. We are constantly challenged to be better disciples. But that challenge is not meant to be something that knocks us down or keeps us down. That challenge is meant to be something that encourages us onward. That challenge is meant to push higher to loftier heights. It is meant to make us stronger disciples rooting out what keeps us from following Christ in every moment.

Peter gets it right in this moment. Lord you have the words of eternal life. Jesus truly does and what he taught gives us life if we believe and hold fast to it. And that’s the key, we must believe it and strive to practice it every day of our life. Jesus is not gentle when it comes to following him. Those that left were not convinced to stay. They were allowed to leave because they could not come to terms with what Jesus was teaching. He did not waver or change. He did turn to his apostles and asked them if they also wanted to leave.

We have to answer that question in our life on a regular basis. Are we willing to make the sacrifices necessary to remain with Jesus? Are we able to say not only with our head but with our heart that Jesus has the words of eternal life? Are we willing to stand alone with Christ when others leave because what Jesus asks is hard?

We must come to the Lord and ask him for strength. Strength to stand with him, strength to love as he loves, strength to suffer, strength to follow, and so much more. Let us come to the Lord who has the words of eternal life.

ATTENTION NCYC PARENTS & STUDENTS:

We will be having our NCYC meeting on **Sunday, August 29th at 6:30 pm** in Cigrand Hall at St. James in Forest City. **Students this is a mandatory meeting, please plan on attending. This is optional for parents.** Thank you

BABY BOTTLE TIME!

A big thank you for your generosity. The Archangels Catholic Cluster raised \$5,558 with the baby bottle fundraiser. The three Knights of Columbus Councils distributed the money raised to TRUE L.I.F.E and CARING PREGNANCY CENTER in Mason City.

Council #7896 (Buffalo Center, Forest City & Lake Mills) \$1,941

Council #7897 (Garner) \$617

Council #8610 (Britt, Duncan) \$3,000 with an additional donation of \$1500 from the Council to the Caring Pregnancy Center

St. Boniface Church

Needs an individual or group to assume the responsibilities of laundering the linens that are used for Mass. We need coverage as soon as possible. Please contact your parish liaison if you are interesting in taking on the responsibility.

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE #6:

Which Church has all 7 sacraments and all 4 Gospel writers depicted in the nave of the Church?

Please “email” responses to scavegerhunt@archangelscc.org

Week 4 Answer: The answer to where Miguel Pro is, is St. Patrick Britt. He is in the South West of the nave of the Church. Vivo Christo Rey!

Liturgies for the Week

Monday, August 23

Garner 8:00 AM + Elmer & Marion Buckley

Tuesday, August 24

Duncan 8:00 AM + Anna Lou Wille

Forest City 5:30 PM + Linus Elsbernd

Wednesday, August 25

Lake Mills 5:15 PM + David Schiltz

Britt 5:30 PM + Josephine Barker

Thursday, August 26

Forest City 8:00 AM + Harold Becker

Garner 12:00 PM + Virgie Grunwald

Friday, August 27

Britt 8:00 AM + Lorretta Kramer and Sr. Loretta Raymond

Saturday, August 28

Buffalo Center 4:00 PM + John Fagerlind

Duncan 4:00 PM + For the People

Britt (Spanish) 6:30 PM + David & Daniel Bernhard

Sunday, August 29

Britt 8:00 AM + Alice Kollasch

Lake Mills 8:00 AM + Phyllis Pederson

Garner 10:00 AM + Dr. Raymond & Jean Ryan

Forest City 10:30 AM + David Nolton

Mass times, events and announcements can also be found on www.archangelscc.org/calendar

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Mission Statement:
We are Called - Formed - Sent

TO KNOW - TO LOVE - TO SERVE

Let us pray for our students as they start a new school year! Students, this article is especially for you this week. What an exciting and scary time a new school year can be! There is a lot on your plate and it can be stressful...studies, activities, jobs, friends, and families. All these things can also be a great source of fun and fulfillment. It is good to learn in school. It is good to have fun in activities. It is good to grow in friendship. It is good to love our families. We can find *some* fulfillment in these things. *However, the truth is that good grades, clubs and sports, fun times with friends...these will not satisfy you. Only one Person will satisfy you.*

Perhaps this is a hard truth. Just like in today's Gospel from John, "Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Can you accept that your life ultimately has to be about one thing—one Person? Jesus is the Person and He wants to be in relationship with you. He wants to bring you lasting happiness and give you His love. St. John Paul II encourages us:

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle."

Pray: Jesus be my happiness. I will let you love me and satisfy me completely.

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY

Duncan 7:30 AM

Forest City 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Britt 5:00 PM

THURSDAY

Garner 11:30 AM

SATURDAY

Duncan 3:30 PM

Britt (Span/Eng) 6:00 PM

SUNDAY

Britt 7:30 AM

Lake Mills 7:30 AM

Forest City 10:00 AM

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3:00 PM, Fridays
unless noted on page 2

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Contact Fr. Marr if interested.



Register for K-12 Faith Formation:

1. Go to archangelscc.org.
2. Under 'Faith Formation'
3. Click on 'Faith Formation Registration'
4. Begin registering your children.
5. Don't forget to fill out and return the waiver and consent form.

Faith Formation starts Wednesday, September 8th!