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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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ARE YOU NEW?

If you are interested in registering at any of our parishes, please contact Sarah Brandenburg at our Cluster Office.

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to 84576 to sign up



From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Some Thoughts on Generosity and Gift-Giving (Part Two)

Last week, I reflected upon how a Christian should relate to money. This first article focused on Jesus' teaching, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). Do we treasure and invest in the important relationships that God has given us? Do we love people over things? Let's continue thinking through this.

There are different economies for different types of relationships. One economy is a transactional economy, while another is a gift economy. When I go to the bakery, I give money and receive abundant amounts of cherry and sour cream cake donuts. It is a good transaction, money for donuts. Life at the rectory is different. Fr. Andrew and I do not charge each other for unloading the dishwasher. I do not pay him for grilling me a steak, as that would be ridiculous. Healthy households operate in the model of a gift economy. Families should not calculate every chore. Yes, we can have delegated responsibilities, but not with strict calculations for every last detail. When calculation seeps into family life, we are in an unhealthy spot. No bueno.

For a gift economy to work, the virtue of generosity is vital. Each person ought to practice generosity of spirit out of love for those to whom God has entrusted us. We only become generous by practicing generosity. Virtues take on flesh; they are acted upon. So, give a gift! It does not need to be flashy or expensive but give something that is a token of love from you to another that increases your relationship. Imitate God the Father. As James tells us, "all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change." (James 1:17). God the Father faithfully and repeatedly gives. He is like the sun, which shines upon all, constantly giving light and warmth. The sun gives generously; it does not calculate. The sun is a gift to all people.

Imagine how beautiful your life and friendships would be if you gave of yourself like the sun. A generous soul is incredibly attractive, magnanimous in spirit. The goal of life is not simply to accumulate, accumulate, and accumulate —out of fear for a worst-case scenario. Rather, how can I imitate God the Father as the giver of all good giving and every perfect gift? Admiration is not our goal, but rather to build up a community of Christian self-giving love, a cultural transformation. Donuts are good, but a generous family and an invested life of friendship is worth so much more.

Family life and friendships should operate in a gift economy rather than a transactional model. The gifts that we give should be directed towards building up union in relationships through shared pursuit of God and what is good. How can I concretely live this generosity out?

St. Patrick—Lake Mills

There will not be a Soup Supper this Ash Wednesday. Additionally, The 5 Alarm Gathering has been moved from March 13th to March 20th so that people can participate in Date Night. Thank you!

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Stations Of The Cross

St. James in Forest City
Each Friday this Lent up until Good Friday at 5:30
Volunteers are needed.
Contact Chet Plonski at 641-581-3334 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Lenten Fast And Abstinence *

From the earliest days of the Christina Church, baptized Christians and those preparing for baptism have observed the disciplines of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Roman Catholics are asked to continue this form of preparation with the following guidelines. For reasons of health and wellbeing, observance may not be required by some.

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent by Roman Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by Roman Catholics 18-59 years of age. On these days, one full meal and two smaller meals are permitted.

Some have also adopted the custom of a Paschal fast until the Easter Vigil in the evening of Holy Saturday.

Roman Catholics are also encouraged to attend daily Mass, observe self-imposed times of fasting, and increase generosity to local, national, and worldwide forms of almsgiving.

*From the Religious Art 2022 Catholic Family Appointment Calendar

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program for couples who want to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Find out how by attending one of these upcoming experiences: April 23-24th Epworth; September 9-11th Dubuque; November 18-20th Holstein. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.



Our Fathers Podcast

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



Cluster Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 27

FC 5:00 pm Youth Fat "Tuesday" Party

Wednesday, March 2

All parishes 6:30 pm K-8 Faith Formation CANCELLED

All parishes 7:00 pm Faith Formation CANCELLED

Friday, March 4

FC 5:30 Stations of the Cross

B 6:00 pm Spanish Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, March 6

FC 12:00 pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday, March 8

FC 6:30 Cluster Pastoral Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

All parishes 6:30 pm K-8 Faith Formation

All parishes 7:00 pm HS Faith Formation

Friday, March 11

B 6:00 pm Spanish Bible Study

G 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

FC 5:30 Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 13

G 5:00 pm Couples Night: Marriage Enrichment

Wesley First Responders Fish Fry

Wesley Community Center

Friday, March 4th, 2022 at 5:00 until gone

Adult Plate \$8.00

Kids (5-10) \$4.00

Under 5 years—FREE

Meal includes: All you can eat fish, fries, baked potatoes, coleslaw, bread, and drink

There will be a serving line for To-Go orders!

Last Chance for the Archdiocesan Synod Survey

Here's your last opportunity to complete the important survey to provide input on the criteria needed to measure parish vitality and viability. This can be done by completing the synod survey you received earlier this month. You can access the survey in English, Spanish, or French at www.dbqarch.org/survey or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera and click on the link that pops up. If you prefer, the completed survey can be sent to:

Survey Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003.

Completed surveys are due no later than Tuesday, March 1, 2022.



Sign up for Flocknote - To receive messages regarding Mass and other event cancellations, information about when and where Eucharistic Adoration will be held, etc. Sign up by visiting Archangelscc.org and fill out the Flocknote form on the homepage.

From the Pastor

Rule 2: Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping

This rule is one of the harder rules to follow. We don't believe it to be that hard at first, but in the end it is somewhat harder than we think. In our faith there is meant to be a balance between self-neglect and self-indulgence. I knew some friends that would spend 90 minutes or more everyday lifting weights and working out. There's nothing wrong with that in itself, but it is simply an example of someone being very committed to their exercise regiment to keep in shape. They always made time for it. However, now they rarely find time to do anything like the exercise they once did. We tend toward the extremes but our faith encourages us towards the mean, or average. That is what self-care is. The mean between neglect and indulgence.

We know the story of the Good Samaritan and it is easier for us to do similar actions for someone else than it is for us to do it for ourselves. This is primarily because we like comfort and we don't always believe that we are worthy of the care we give to others. We are also reminded that we are to love our neighbor as ourself. This should imply that we need to be aware that the love or care we show ourselves might need to be raised to a healthier level. We should not be prideful or indulgent but that we should have a healthy love that desires what is truly good for us in our current state in life. We need to be disciplined in our life so that we can excel. When we do rule 1, hopefully rule 2 follows. When we are feeling better and getting the natural serotonin we begin to care for ourselves better. Taking time for recreation, to be re-created in the image of God, time for healthy activities so that we can be at our best and give our best to others. Many times we believe that we are unworthy of such "luxury." God does not see it that way. God sees our sin and desires to bless us, to heal us, and to bring us back into communion with him. However, we believe we are not worthy. We do not believe we warrant care and do not want to burden others with a need to care for ourselves but God sees us as worthy. We are called to see ourselves the same way. Our prayer should be for God to change our hearts to be receptive to his love and to see ourselves as he sees us. It is only then that we can truly live out rule 2, Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping.

Offertory for the Needy

Parishes of the Archangels Catholic Cluster will be collecting for:

Food For The Poor

All loose change & currency including your Offertory for the Needy envelopes on

Saturday, March 5, 2022 &

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Will be used for these funds

We will close this fund March 27, 2022

Food For The Poor serves those in extreme poverty by providing food, housing, emergency relief and much more to those who are in desperate need in the Caribbean and Latin America.

Liturgies for the Week

Monday, February 28

Garner 8:00 AM + Charlene East
 Garner Adoration at 8:30 AM

Tuesday, March 1

Duncan 8:00 AM + Raymond Formanek
 Forest City 5:30 PM + Jean Heinen

Wednesday, March 2

Britt 7:00 AM + Dan Pritchard
 Lake Mills 7:00 AM + Mike Heebink
 Buffalo Center 5:00 PM + John Kelso
 Duncan 5:00 PM + Msgr. John Hemann
 Forest City 7:00 PM + Adeline Kral
 Garner 7:00 PM + Duane Leerar

Thursday, March 3

Forest City 8:00 AM + Mary Ann Andersen
 Forest City Adoration at 8:30 AM
 Garner 12:00 PM + Bernard Nedved

Friday, March 4

Britt 8:00 AM + William & Emma Jakoubek
 Britt Adoration at 8:30 AM
 Britt Spanish Adoration at 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 5

Garner 8:00 AM + Dr. Raymond & Jean Ryan
 Buffalo Center 4:00 PM + Jim Angstman
 Duncan 4:00 PM + Ralph Hejlik, Jr.
 Britt (Spanish) 6:30 PM + John & Dorothy Pritchard

Sunday, March 6

Britt 8:00 AM + Pat Looft
 Lake Mills 8:00 AM For the People
 Garner 10:00 AM + Dcd. Mem. Of CDA Court
 Isabella #642
 Forest City 10:30 AM + James Francis

Mass times, events and announcements can also be found on

www.archangelscc.org/calendar

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY
 Duncan 7:30 AM
 Forest City 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
 Britt CANCELLED
THURSDAY
 Garner 11:30 AM
SATURDAY
 Garner 8:30 AM
 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

Low Gluten hosts are now available in the Archangels Catholic Cluster
 Contact Fr. Marr if Interested.

Bulletin Deadline:
3:00 PM, Fridays
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Faith Formation Mission Statement:
We are Called - Formed - Sent

TO KNOW - TO LOVE - TO SERVE

Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 19th

Each year, men from throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque gather to learn, pray, share, and build relationships.

The 2022 Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM at Xavier Catholic High School (6300 42nd St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411) with virtual participation available via live-stream.

The conference will feature Mark Hartfiel and Devin Schadt, as well as Archbishop Jackels as the celebrant at Mass. The conference takes place on the Feast of St. Joseph and the day will reflect on St. Joseph's role in our lives.

Participants will be able to join in-person or virtually. I recommend going in-person. There is something awesome when men gather to be better men. If you're looking to be a better husband, father, brother, or man in general, this event will be great for you!

For more information contact Joel Bittner at 641-923-2329 ext. 4 or joelb@archangelscc.org. He can help you register or provide more details.

26TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 19, 2022
 Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids, IA

Live-stream available for Virtual Participation

Keynote Speakers:
 Mark Hartfiel
 Devin Schadt

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For more details, visit www.ArchMensConference.org