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Garner, IA 50438

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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We would love to welcome you! Please give Sarah a call at the office so that we can connect.

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to 84576 to sign up



ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

In preparation for Easter, the priests are offering additional Reconciliation opportunities within the Cluster:

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Britt on April 3, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 PM

St. James in Forest City on April 7, 2022 from 5:30-6:30 PM

St. Boniface and St. James on April 16, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

“Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving. Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women to sin. One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication made up of ‘authentic encounters’, face-to-face and in person.”

- Pope Francis, Lenten Message, 2022

Feel free to visit the following link to A Guide to Confession from the Knights of Columbus: kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/2075.pdf

Confession

Question:

If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

Answer:

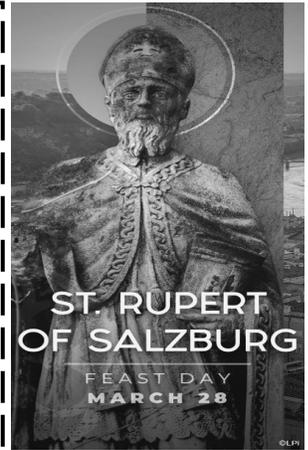
Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, “If I can pray to God on my own, why can’t I be reconciled to God on my own?” In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don’t need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

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St. Patrick Catholic Church in Lake Mills is in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you are willing to help with distribution of Communion at Mass, please contact one of our priests for training and Kathleen Grunhovd for scheduling.

State CDA Lifesaver Project

Members of the Garner CDA Court Isabella #642 will collect donations to help victims of domestic abuse after the Masses in Duncan, Garner, and Forest City the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd. 60% of the proceeds will be given to a local shelter or agency to assist victims of domestic abuse. The remaining 40% will be sent to Iowa State CDA to be given to the Dubuque Diocese for the Bishops to decide which shelters will receive the donation. Thank you for your generosity to this very worthwhile project.

St. Wenceslaus will take donations toward Easter Flowers in Memory of your Loved ones. If you are interested, there are envelopes at the East entrance of the Church. Please drop in the collection basket by April 9-10, 2022.

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
For wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear,
That you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



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

Wednesday, March 30

All parishes 6:30 pm K-8 Faith Formation

All parishes 7:00 pm HS Adoration & Confession

Friday, April 1

G 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

FC 5:30 Stations of the Cross

B 6:00 pm Spanish Bible Study

Sunday, April 3

FC 3:00 pm Youth Bowling Party

Wednesday, April 6

FC 6:30 pm All Catechist Retreat

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

All parishes 7:00 pm Faith Formation CANCELLED

Thursday, April 7

FC 6:30 pm Cluster Pastoral Meeting in Cigrand Hall

Friday, April 8

G 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

FC 5:30 Stations of the Cross

B 6:00 pm Spanish Bible Study

Sunday, April 10

FC 12:00 pm Confirmation Class

Offertory for the Needy

Parishes of the Archangels Catholic Cluster will be collecting for:

Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America

All loose change & currency on

Saturday, April 2, 2022 &

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Will be used for these funds as will your Offertory for the Needy envelopes.

We will close this fund April 24, 2022

This April our For the Needy collection is going to the Catholic Churches in the Holy Land. These churches are taken care of by Franciscan brothers. They are primarily funded by the Good Friday donations taken up throughout the world. This will aid us in supporting the Holy Land Churches



Youth Bowling Party

Grades 7-12 Youth of ACC

Super Bowl in Forest City

Sunday, April 3, 2022

3:00-5:00 PM

Two free games of bowling, shoes, pizza, and pop

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 6: Set your house in perfect order before you criticize the world

This rule reminds me of the encouragement of Jesus, pluck the wooden beam from your own eye first before you attempt to take the splinter out of your brother's eye.

It is a great rule for us to follow. Chaos is everywhere and at every moment it wants to creep in and disrupt a portion of the order we have created. Many times we allow ourselves to reason away the encroachment of chaos, but far too often that encroachment disrupts our lives in small but meaningful ways. Jordan Peterson pushed this question to the forefront of my mind, how have I contributed to my current situation? This rule, and question, was part of the catalyst that pushed me to become more organized, with a lot of progress yet to be made. Almost every day I make my bed. I try to make sure my clothes are in their proper place. I try to keep my desks organized. There is a lot of progress that has been made and certainly more that can be made. The order that is being created harkens back to the order that God created. We are called to participate in creation and bring order to the chaos that surrounds us.

In the beginning God created. He ordered creation and brought about order in the midst of chaos. He made man in His image and likeness and called us to fill the earth and subdue it, to bring about order. Many times we struggle with chaos, we struggle with vice, but God is calling us to set our house in perfect order. God is calling us to trust in Him and be disciples of His Son. To do this properly we need to set our house in order. Another way to look at it is this: Priorities. What are your priorities?

My dad had this piece of paper tucked under a pain of glass on his desk: 1. God 2. Family and Friends 3. Everything else. That has always stuck with me. To have our house in perfect order God must be the first priority, our family or vocation follows, then those who want what is best for us, and finally everything else. When we order our lives in this way we come to see how order begins to reign supreme. However, when one of these things finds itself in the wrong position we are stretched, made too busy, stressed, and chaos begins to rule over us. May we take some time during these weeks of Lent to relate to God and to express our desire to keep him as the priority in our lives. Set your house in perfect order before you criticize the world.

Liturgies for the Week

Monday, March 28

Garner 8:00 AM + Elmer & Marion Buckley
 Garner Adoration at 8:30 AM

Tuesday, March 29

Duncan 8:00 AM + Charles & Emma Trca
 Forest City 5:30 PM + Ronald Pufpuff

Wednesday, March 30

Lake Mills 5:15 PM + Frank & Margaret Scholl
 Britt 5:30 PM + Danny Pritchard

Thursday, March 31

Forest City 8:00 AM + Norbert Pint
 Forest City Adoration at 8:30 AM
 Garner 12:00 PM + Arlene Wellik

Friday, April 1

Britt 8:00 AM + Craig Cobb
 Britt Adoration at 8:30 AM

Saturday, April 2

Garner 8:00 AM Knights of Columbus
 Buffalo Center 4:00 PM + John Fagerlind
 Duncan 4:00 PM For the People
 Britt (Spanish) 6:30 PM + Dave Wilkie

Sunday, April 3

Britt 8:00 AM + Duane Engstler
 Lake Mills 8:00 AM + Paul Sorenson
 Garner 10:00 AM + Dr. Raymond & Jean Ryan
 Forest City 10:30 AM Frank Wellik

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 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

Bulletin Deadline:

3:00 PM, Fridays
unless noted on page 2

Email items to sarahk@archangelscc.org
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Low Gluten hosts are now available in the Archangels Catholic Cluster.

Contact Fr. Marr if Interested.

FAITH FORMATION

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

TO KNOW - TO LOVE - TO SERVE

How much time do you spend on bad news? There has been a lot of bad news lately. COVID continues, war in Ukraine, inflated prices, and so much more. News has three ways of affecting us. We can believe the news, deny it, or be indifferent to it. When we believe the news, our lives reflect a change. When we first heard of COVID-19, we bought toilet paper and wore masks. When we hear about war, we can send aid to those who are hurting. Different news calls for different reactions. What is your reaction to good news? And how much time do you spend on good news?

Dr. John Bergsma, a theology professor at Franciscan University, made a change in his life a few years ago. He realized that he was spending too much time on his phone and on his television watching bad news. He realized it was consuming his life. Every spare minute he was reaching into his pocket to check his phone for more bad news. He was beginning to believe that life in general was bad, and his life was lacking meaning. Then Dr. Bergsma made a change. He replaced his phone with a pocket sized New Testament. Now, instead of reaching for his phone and checking bad news, he found he was holding the New Testament and reading Good News! He says, "Instead of emails and depressing headlines, I was getting love letters from Jesus and the best news of all." He found such a simple change had amazing effects on his life. He was reminded that life was a gift from the Father and Jesus had changed his life forever.

How much time do you spend on bad news? As the middle of Lent passes and Holy Week approaches, are you ready for Good News? A challenge before Good Friday: spend more time reading Good News, than bad news. Read the entire Gospel of Luke in the last two weeks of Lent. If you spend 15 minutes watching bad news, spend 20 reading Luke's account of the Good News. Remind yourself like the prodigal son in today's gospel that you have a Good Father. Remind yourself that no matter what sins you have, or how far from home (the Church) you have been, you can receive the mercy and forgiveness of the Father. Jesus has given His life for you and He throws a feast for you at every Mass in the Eucharist. Will you believe in the Good News? What change will it make in your life? You are no longer a slave to sin, but a son or daughter of the Father. He has prepared a home for you in Heaven. "Let us celebrate with a feast, this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found."



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