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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." - Jn 17:22-23a

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

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From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Conversion, the Fullness of Truth, and Humbly Seeking Unity

One great joy as a priest is accompanying people on their journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. Sometimes the journey is long and winding; sometimes, it occurs quite quickly. Regardless of where someone is currently at spiritually, I experience great joy in accompanying them and seeing how God has been touching their heart.

How might we think about conversion? In a broad sense, all of us are called to continuing conversion. I feel God has been doing a lot of work on my spiritual life through prayer these past few months. He is renewing and strengthening quite a bit of my interior life. In a narrower sense, we speak of conversion in terms of joining the Catholic Church from some other community or from no previous religious background.

I often hear this: *'So you think you are right and everyone else is wrong?'* Good question! What do we think? For Catholics, this question is a false dichotomy. Catholics do not consider conversion in all-or-nothing terms. It is on a continuum. Instead, we prefer to speak of the fullness of truth that Jesus gave to the Church, as well as various participations in that.

Lumen Gentium 8, from Vatican II, puts it this way:

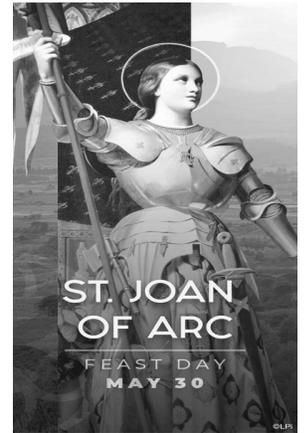
This Church constituted and organized in the world as a society, subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the Bishops in communion with him, although many elements of sanctification and of truth are found outside of its visible structure. These elements, as gifts belonging to the Church of Christ, are forces impelling toward Catholic unity.

There are important and beautiful implications that flow from this understanding. As Catholics, we are grateful for the gift of apostolic succession and the historical continuity of the Catholic Church from the beginning. We are also grateful for Christ's promise to the apostles for the Holy Spirit to remain with them (John 14:26). So, it is the Holy Spirit that continues to guide the Church. Now, importantly, we see that this teaching recognizes that there are also many elements of sanctification and truth outside the visible structure of the Catholic Church. These points of contact or unity in the Holy Spirit help encourage us toward greater visible unity as Christians. Yes, the Catholic Church offers us the fullness of the gifts that Christ desires to give his disciples, but others participate in the truth to varying degrees, some more closely than others.

What does this mean, more simply put? Together with our loved ones, let us seek to live our faith in the fullness that Jesus desires for us. All of us, your priests most definitely, need further conversion. Jesus also desires full visible unity for his disciples (John 17:21). So let us rejoice in the points of unity we have and work together with great humility and purity of heart, guided by the Holy Spirit, for the unity we lack.

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St. Boniface Parish Festival

St. Boniface will be hosting its first annual Parish Festival. Please join us for Mass at 4:00 pm June 4th followed by food, fellowship, and fun in the park.

Totus Tuus 2022

June 12-17 at St. Boniface in Garner

Grades 1-6 June 13th-17th 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

Grades 7-12 June 12th-16th 7:00 PM-9:15 PM

SIGN UP AT:

www.archangelscc.org/totus-tuus or call the office

641-923-2329

Baby Bottle Time!

Your gift collected on Father's Day, June 19, 2022, will be given to **Caring Pregnancy Center** and **"TRUE L.I.F.E."**, both in Mason City.

Caring Pregnancy Center helps save the lives of unborn children by helping mothers who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, who have a choice to make. That choice is the difference of life or death for their unborn child.

<https://www.cpcmasoncity.org/>

"TRUE L.I.F.E." has the following mission statement, "Believing all life is a gift from God, we are committed to proclaim the truth of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia through prayer, education, legislation, political action and other legal means while compassionately promoting positive alternatives." <https://www.truelifeofni.com/>

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***Mass Schedule for June 4th and 5th is different.**

Saturday 4 pm Mass is in Garner

Sunday 10 am Mass is in Duncan

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

Friday, June 3

B 6:00 pm Spanish Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, June 4

*****G 4:00 pm Saturday Mass*****

G 5:30 pm St. Boniface Parish Festival

Sunday, June 5

*****D 10:00 am Sunday Mass*****

Monday, June 6

B 6:30 pm Missionaries of the New Evangelization

Tuesday, June 7

B 6:30 pm Missionaries of the New Evangelization

Wednesday, June 8

B 6:30 pm Missionaries of the New Evangelization

Friday, June 10

B 6:00 pm Spanish Bible Study

Sunday, June 12

FC 5:00 pm Couples Night

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ava Horstman of St. Patrick in Britt finished 3rd in the CDA State Division 1 Art Education contest. Congratulations Ava on this great accomplishment!

Offertory for the Needy

Parishes of the Archangels Catholic Cluster will be collecting for:

Missionaries of the New Evangelization

All loose change & currency on

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Sunday, June 5, 2022

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

We will close this fund June 26 2022

On June 6-8, 2022 at 6:30 at St. Patrick—Britt, Fr. Greg Bramlage of Missionaries of the New Evangelization will introduce us to a deeper understanding of God's mercy and share with us the incredible healing that result when we repent for our sins, forgive those who've hurt us and pray with expectant faith. He will teach us how to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and enter into a more profound relationship with Jesus and God the Father. He will share with us the miraculous healing his ministry has witnessed and teach us how to pray for others in confidence and with love.

Attention parents and grandparents of students going off to college or trade school that are FCSLA members. The Iowa Branch of FCSLA is offering a scholarship to FCSLA members that will be full time students for 2022/2023. The deadline to submit your application is August 1, 2022. You may contact Dawn Nedved at 641-860-5009 or by email at dmnedved@hotmail.com for an application.

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.

Responding to God

Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe—on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream—that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

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Congratulations

Sophia Maria-Ann Reding, daughter of Michael and Melissa Reding, was baptized May 21, 2022. We are glad to welcome her as a daughter of God.

Employment Opportunity

The Archangels Catholic Cluster is accepting application for Cluster Administrative Assistant. Qualified applicants can apply by submitting a resume and cover letter to Fr. Andrew. Applicants should excel in Google applications, attention to detail, a desire to serve, organizational skills, and media.

Liturgies for the Week

Monday, May 30

Garner 8:00 AM Cancelled
 Garner Adoration at 8:30 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, May 31

Duncan 8:00 AM + Shirley Heebink
 Forest City 5:30 PM For the People

Wednesday, June 1

Lake Mills 5:15 PM + John Kelso
 Britt 5:30 PM For the People

Thursday, June 2

Forest City 8:00 AM + Ivah Johnson
 Adoration at 8:30 AM
 Garner 12:00 PM Cancelled

Friday, June 3

Britt 8:00 AM + Richard Kahler
 Adoration at 8:30 AM

Saturday, June 4

Garner 8:00 AM + Duane Leerar
 Buffalo Center 4:00 PM + David Nolton
Garner 4:00 PM For the People
 Britt (Spanish) 6:30 PM + Jerry Weiskamp

Sunday, June 5

Britt 8:00 AM + James & Evelyn Pavelka
 Lake Mills 8:00 AM + Bob & Shirley Heebink
Duncan 10:00 AM + Duane Leerar
 Forest City 10:30 AM + Ferman & Imelda Heinen

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 CANCELLED

SATURDAY

Garner 8:30 AM
 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

Questions?
 Call 641-923-2329 Ext. 1

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

Are you wasting your time?

One temptation in prayer is to think that our time needs to be spent well. We think our prayer needs to accomplish something or be fruitful. Our prayer time might turn into more of a to-do list. We can add many meditations, recited prayer, different prayer styles and methods. We might think that if we don't pray the rosary, read scripture, or use some specific meditation that our time is wasted. We are tempted to **not** waste time with Jesus.

But that is the whole point! Prayer is about having a relationship with Jesus. What kind of relationship? Do we want a transactional relationship with Jesus? I do this, He does that. I pray the rosary, I get what I want. Do we want a distracted relationship with Jesus? I go to prayer and spend my time reading and reciting meditations and prayers until my prayer time is up.

Or do we want an intimate relationship with Jesus? This type of relationship means that I give all of myself to Jesus and He gives Himself back to me. Not in a transactional way, but a free and full gift way. We give and receive without earning. We just want to be with Jesus, knowing Him, loving Him, serving Him.

When we pray and grow in our relationship with Jesus, it is good to waste time with Him! Our most intimate human relationships are like this. Think of best friends spending time together with no agenda. They might share a hobby, but overall they just want to enjoy each others company. Think of a newborn baby and a parent. Parents love to sit and hold their newborn. Nothing is accomplished, just a parent in the presence of a child. Think of a married couple spending all their life together. They don't operate as business partners trying to increase profits. Rather, they are lovers who long to be with each other (even if they have nothing to say or do).

In scripture (Mark 14:3-9) we hear about the woman who anointed Jesus with costly perfume, 300 days wages worth! She broke a full jar and poured it all on Jesus. Judas was quick to say, "That's a waste!" And Jesus was quick to answer, "She has done a beautiful thing." Don't let the devil tempt you not to waste time with Jesus. Rather, do a beautiful thing, go and waste your time with Jesus. Give Him your life and receive His love for you.



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