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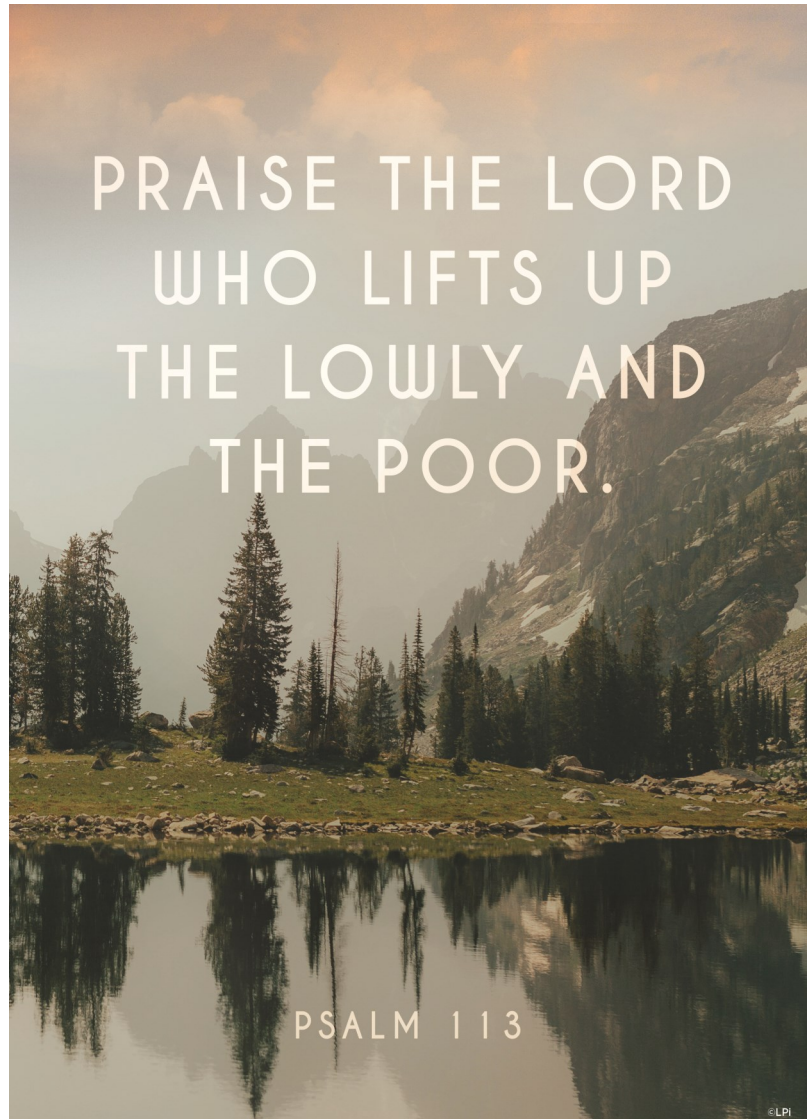
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We would love to welcome you!
Please call the office so that we can
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From the Pastor

The Third Precept of the Church

You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. This seems like a precept that is archaic but it is important for us to understand what it is saying, why it is saying it, and how we can understand its application in our modern context.

Where does this precept come from? It is Can. 920 §1 and §2. The first paragraph says that once admitted to the Eucharist the faithful are bound to receive the Eucharist once a year. The second paragraph states that this must be done during the Easter Season.

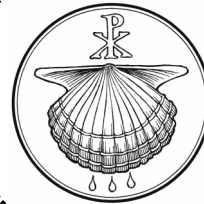
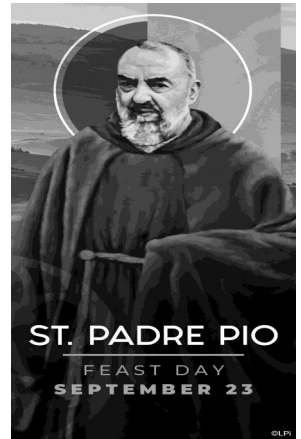
Why is this still written this way when many receive every time they come to Mass? It is the foundation of our faith and we should ensure the minimum of receiving the foundation of our faith in the season that is most important, Easter.

The Eucharist is the most important thing we do as Catholics. We have this great gift, Eucharist, and we always come to receive. That is a great thing if we are prepared properly to receive it. We also are not required to receive. I know that a couple weeks ago at one of the Masses the communion distributors did not have enough hosts, receiving from the chalice is a valid option for receiving the fullness of the sacrament. You can also choose not to receive. That is a valid option and you still received grace from God. We don't come to Mass to receive the Eucharist, we come to Mass to worship God. Whether we receive the Eucharist or not is not as important as whether or not we came to Mass.

We should also know what we need to do to prepare for reception of the Eucharist. To prepare ourselves for reception of the Eucharist we need to do an examination of conscience to make sure we do not have any unforgiven mortal sin, we should receive it with the correct intention, we must abstain from everything except water and medicine one hour before receiving communion. Right intention? Well we should not receive it out of routine or expectation. We should receive it in love, thoughtfully, willingly, and desiring to be united more intimately to the Lord. We should prepare our hearts to receive, not rushing in or arriving late. Circumstances do at times inhibit our early arrival, but that should be infrequent. We should also refrain from leaving before the final blessing. Right intention also means making an act of thanksgiving for what we have received. Abstain from everything? Yes, everything. No food, or drink except water or medicine. That also means no gum, no tic tacs, no lemon or flavor drops in the water. Some of you remember when it was nothing from Midnight on. I am not saying we should do that but we should strive to have a deeper reverence for the sacrament we are receiving when we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

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Congratulations

*Emery Arlene Smith
daughter of Matthew & Kayla Smith
was baptized September 6, 2022.
We are glad to welcome her as a
daughter of God.*



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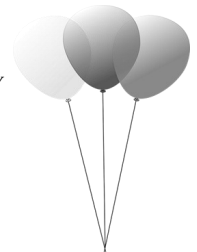
*Hutton Lee Youngwirth
son of Jess & Amber Youngwirth
was baptized September 8, 2022.
We are glad to welcome him as a
son of God.*

2nd Annual Archangels Cluster Festival

September 25th - 10:00 am Mass

@ FRIENDSHIP HALL IN FOREST CITY

A huge celebration to follow with food, entertainment, fun and games for all ages. There will also be a silent auction. Please join us for fellowship and fun!



Join the Faith Journey

Are you curious about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you are thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Faith and would consider coming to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. We will be exploring the beauty, depth, history, and mysteries of the Catholic Faith. Classes will be offered through the Archangels Catholic Cluster. An open heart is the only cost. Our initial meeting will be September 21 at the Britt Rectory 6:30-8:30 PM. Classes will be held on the following 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month until Easter, same place, same time. Don't miss the journey.
Call Dawn at 641-860-1398

CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE

September 24-25, Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, IA.
Attend In-Person or Virtual - Tickets: \$25 Adult, \$15 Student.
Go to the Christ Our Life website for more information.

Cluster Calendar of Events

Monday, September 19

B 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

All Parishes 6:30 PM K-8 Faith Formation

6:30 PM FC Family FF Night

7:00 PM HS Faith Formation

Thursday, September 22

FC 6:30 PM FF Commission Meeting

Sunday, September 25

FC 10:00 AM Cluster Mass followed by celebration at Friendship Hall

Have you considered becoming a Catholic Daughter? You may ask "What Do Catholic Daughters Do?"

Here are just a few of the many things we do:

- Feed the hungry
- Provide care for the sick
- Clothe the naked
- Care for victims of abuse
- Combat the evils of abortion & euthanasia
- Help the homeless
- Work with legislators for needed changes
- Support Priests, seminarians, and the religious life
- Provide aid to disaster-stricken areas
- Support youth and pro-life programs
- Help victims of addiction
- Pray, Pray, Pray!

As Mother Teresa said, "If we pray, we will believe; If we love, we will serve. "If you would like to find out more about CDA, please contact Regent Diane Neuberger at 641-860-0076, LuAnn Lauters at 927-4660 or 515-570-6107 or any CDA Member. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 in the Spiritual Room at St. Boniface, you are welcomed to attend and find out more. Looking forward to seeing you!

Bible Study on Revelations

Former Pastor Fr. Jim Dubert will offer an Ascension Press Bible Study on the Book of Revelation starting Monday, September 19 from 6:30-8:00 PM for 11 Mondays this fall. Order your study workbook at <https://ascensionpress.com/products/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come-study-set-1?> for about \$30 plus shipping.

Then contact Karen Kumm (brikar29@gmail.com) to receive weekly Zoom links. If you miss a weekly study, Karen will distribute the study recordings.

GriefShare Begins

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. We want to let you know about GriefShare; a faith-based, special seminar, and support group for people dealing with the loss of a loved one. It's a place where many people have found they can begin putting their lives back together again. Our GriefShare meets every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Garner United Methodist Church. The church is located at 855 Maben Ave. Meet in the Fireside Room and enter through the north doors. Fall sessions begin Sunday Sept. 11 thru Dec. 18. Begin anytime. Please feel free to contact us with questions or if you would like more information. Call GUMC office at 641-923-2191 or Robin at 641-860-1704. Char Popowski - Ph. 641-923-6045 - dcpopowski@gmail.com

From Fr. Ben Valentine

Be Healed Ch 8: Redemptive Suffering

St. Paul writes in Colossians 1:24: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church." To be clear: suffering is not good in itself. It is an evil / a lack of a due and proper good. But in our world that has been touched by the effects of Original Sin, it is an inevitable part of our lives. Here is the Good News: Because Jesus took on our sin, suffering, and pain, we can now unite our suffering to his suffering on the cross and healing happens in us and grace can be poured out on others.

Not only are our sins forgiven by his Blood poured out, but his suffering gives us the example and power to respond to our suffering with virtue and not sin (Dr. Bob Schuchts Be Healed, Ch 8, Ave Maria Press).

"When Jesus felt the full force of their anger, hatred, and rage, he patiently endured, surrendering control and giving up his right for revenge. In the end, his only response was to forgive those who hurt him, including all of us who have been destructive with our anger. By abiding in him, we can endure our suffering patiently, rather than react in anger" (Ibid).

An example of someone who lived this teaching well was Dave Schuchts, Dr. Bob's brother. He was a Prodigal Son who had left his family and life for a life of "sex, drugs, and rock and roll" until middle age. Eventually he came down with HIV and AIDS which was a death sentence at the time. Here was his response: "But I have been praying about this, and I have a surprising peace inside. For a long time, I have been praying for a purpose, and I believe God is showing me this may be my answer. My purpose may be to become someone with AIDS, living for Christ" (ibid).

As he slowly broke down, he united his suffering to that of Jesus and endured the cross of his illness and death with joy and patience. This led their father who had left them when they were young to come back to be reconciled with Dave and the whole family before he died. Dave's family members took care of him in humbly serving his needs. Finally, he died in the arms of his father. Because of Jesus, Dave's suffering and death not only had meaning, but it gave him the grace to endure it well and brought reconciliation and grace to other people.

Reflection questions:

"How did you deal with your own wounded heart? Did you invite Jesus into the pain?" (ibid)

"Can you think of any circumstances in your life where intense suffering or other tragedies have been transformed into profoundly healing experiences for you, members of your family, or others?" (ibid)

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 19

Garner 8:00 AM + Rita Christians
Adoration at 8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 20

Duncan 8:00 AM + Duane Leerar
Forest City 5:30 PM + Steve Landwehr

Wednesday, September 21

Lake Mills 5:15 PM + Paul Sorenson
Britt 5:30 PM + Sally Weiskamp

Thursday, September 22

Forest City 8:00 AM + Vince Zrostlik
Adoration at 8:30 AM
Garner 12:00 PM + Joseph V. Johnson

Friday, September 23

Britt 8:00 AM + Kay Pistek
Adoration at 8:30 AM

Saturday, September 24

Buffalo Center 4:00 PM Cancelled
Duncan 4:00 PM Cancelled
Britt (Spanish) 6:30 PM Cancelled

Sunday, September 25 - Cluster Festival @ Friendship Hall

Britt 8:00 AM Cancelled
Lake Mills 8:00 AM Cancelled
Garner 10:00 AM Cancelled
Forest City - Friendship Hall 10:00 AM For the People

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 Cancelled
Britt (Span/Eng) Cancelled

SUNDAY

Britt Cancelled
Lake Mills Cancelled
Forest City Cancelled

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

If I was arrested for being Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict me?

I have been praying often about this reflection in the recent weeks. What would the verdict be? If I was taken to court for being a Christian would the judge and jury be able to look at my life and prove that I am a disciple? What evidence would they bring up?

A few weeks ago I wrote about accepting the Good News and evangelization. **The Good News is that Jesus paid a debt that He didn't owe, because we had a debt that we couldn't pay.** Jesus saved us from death and promises us an abundant life! **He doesn't want to just "get us out of jail." He wants to "give us the Kingdom."** Jesus invites us to imitate Him and become more and more like Him. When we imitate Jesus, we evangelize. We go out to the lost and lonely and share the abundant life with them. This fulfills the Great Commission, the last words that Jesus said to His Apostles: "Go...make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

To make disciples, we must first be disciples. So what does a disciple do? Back to the question at the beginning: what evidence would prove someone to be a Christian, a disciple of Jesus? The Apostles have the answer. In Acts chapter 2, the Apostles were on fire, literally and figuratively. The Holy Spirit had just descended upon them, filling them with love for Jesus. They charged out into the streets proclaiming the Good News. They made disciples and this is what the disciples did: **"...they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers"** (Acts 2:42). Here we find four pieces of convicting evidence for being a Christian.

1. **Apostles Teaching.** A disciple is faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. We trust and love the Church, our Mother and the Bride of Christ.
2. **Fellowship.** A disciple needs virtuous friendships to help him or her grow as a disciple.
3. **Breaking of the Bread.** A disciple regularly and frequently receives the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession.
4. **Prayer.** A disciple is someone who makes time for prayer every day.

In the next few weeks we will look at each one of these pieces of evidence. In the meantime, would there be enough evidence to convict you of being a disciple?

