



# ARCHANGELS

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all  
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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## FEBRUARY 12, 2023



### ARE YOU NEW?

We would love to welcome you!  
Please call the office so that we can  
connect. **641-585-4856 ext. 1**

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## From the Pastor

At the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount it seems like everything is going well, but by the middle of the first chapter of the three chapter sermon, Jesus has a particularly challenging message to the people. He does not mince his words and speaks boldly to them about what they shall choose. The first reading from Sirach also has strong words for its listeners and readers.

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand...to none does he give license to sin. Sirach encourages us to live out the commandments and to humbly approach the Lord when we have sinned. The stretching forth of our hand to the water is in some way what happens when we come to confession. We ask the Lord to save us, to heal us, to wash us clean once more for we have failed to love Him as we should.

Our culture today tells us that it is unhealthy for us to limit ourselves, to burden ourselves with obligations, to set restrictions on happiness and pleasure. Many times it is the same people that say there is no such place as Hell. They argue that a loving God would never punish people in that way. It isn't that God condemns us out of anger or that He chooses to do so because we are bad. Sirach says it plainly, to whichever we stretch forth our hand we shall receive.

Jesus is encouraging us to live a life that leads to beatitude (blessedness). A man ensnared by lust is not able to love his wife. He is not free to love his sister, his mother, his father, nor any of his friends. The same is true of a woman. The epidemic that is gripping our culture is hedonism, primarily in the form of lust and secondarily in possessions or the attachment to them. Jesus is clear but he calls to us, not in judgment, but in mercy. He knows our sin and knows our pain. Our responsibility is to stand and resist the progressive march toward licentiousness. We need to help our sons and daughters as Christ would have us do. Not in anger, but in mercy. To recognize the wounded are ensnared by the enemy and our responsibility is to assist them in whatever way we can. Let us take to heart Christ's words, choose the good, and encourage our brothers and sisters to keep the faith.

### **PARISH LIAISONS**

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### **Cluster Office Hours**

The cluster office will be open on  
Monday, February 20  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM &  
Tuesday, February 21  
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
with our hours  
following as usual for  
the rest of the week.



### **Congratulations**

*Caiden Will Arnold son of  
Will & Danielle Arnold was baptized  
February 4, 2023. We are glad to welcome  
him as a son of God.*

### **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. Winter sessions begin Sunday, Feb. 12 thru Sunday May 14. Begin anytime.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you would like more information. Call GUMC office at 641-923-2191 or Robin at 641-860-1704.

### **St. Boniface**

**Needed:** Personal care items for Comfort Bags such as combs, toothbrushes, travel size soaps, lotions, shampoos, men's/lady's razors. St. Boniface Catholic Daughters assemble and distribute these Comfort Bags throughout North Iowa to shelters and those in need. There is a large gift bag in the west entrance of St. Boniface where these items can be placed. Thank You for your donations.

**Garner Catholic Daughters**

### **Fat "Tuesday" Celebration**

**Who:** Grades 9-12 Youth of ACC

**What:** Fat "Tuesday" Party with Pancakes, Juice, and King cake.

**When:** Sunday, February 19th at 5-7 pm

**Where:** St. Patrick's in Britt



## Cluster Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 12

**B** Knights of Columbus Breakfast after Mass

### Monday, February 13

**G** 6:30 PM CDA #642 Meeting in Spiritual Room

### Wednesday, February 15

**All Parishes** 6:30 PM K-8 Faith Formation

6:30 PM FC Family FF Night

7:00 PM HS Faith Formation

### Saturday, February 18

**G** 9:00 AM - Noon First Reconciliation Retreat & Sacrament (All 2nd Graders)

### Sunday, February 19

**B** 5:00 PM Youth Fat "Tuesday" Party

### Monday, February 20

**B** 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

### Tuesday, February 21

**FC** 6:30 PM Cluster Pastoral Meeting

### Wednesday, February 22

**LM** Ash Wednesday Soup Supper Following Mass

**All Parishes** NO FAITH FORMATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



Fr. Ben Valentine's Birthday is February 23. If you see him, wish him a happy birthday!



#### **Confirmation Students & Parents:**

We will meet Sunday, February 26, 2023 at St. James in Forest City. Class will begin around Noon with Session 5: Students & Parents: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do for me?

#### **Catholic Daughter's 40 Days for LIFE Lenten Layette Campaign 2023**

Catholic Daughters Court Isabella #642 will be collecting Layette items during Lent. These items will be given to the Caring Pregnancy Center in Mason City for new moms. Please drop off donated items in the pack-n-play at the West Entrance of St. Boniface. Please donate the following items Size 0-3 months (New or Gently Used): Blankets-Swaddle/Receiving, Newborn Diapers, Towels/Washcloths, Body Wash/Lotion, Booties/Socks, Small Toys, Onesies/Sleepers, Bibs/Burp Cloths  
**\*Handmade Quilts provided by Catholic Daughters Mission Committee\*** You can protect mothers and children by joining 40 Days for Life's worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion • Over 200 abortion workers converted • Over 100 abortion centers closed! For more information or to sign up for daily devotionals this Lent visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)  
**For more information contact Melany Hejlik @ 641-923-8041**

## From Fr. Ben Valentine

### **Catechism in a Year: Faith**

#### **Faith and understanding**

For most of human history, it was normal to consider faith and belief in God as one form of knowledge among many. In a more secular environment today, it is often dismissed as lesser than purely scientific knowledge. This is a reductionistic understanding about what truth, faith, and knowledge truly are. What does the Catechism say about what faith is?

**156** What moves us to believe is not the fact that revealed truths appear as true and intelligible in the light of our natural reason: we believe "because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived." So "that the submission of our faith might nevertheless be in accordance with reason, God willed that external proofs of his Revelation should be joined to the internal helps of the Holy Spirit." Thus the miracles of Christ and the saints, prophecies, the Church's growth and holiness, and her fruitfulness and stability "are the most certain signs of divine Revelation, adapted to the intelligence of all"; they are "motives of credibility" (*motiva credibilitatis*), which show that the assent of faith is "by no means a blind impulse of the mind." We see in this article that the supernatural truths that we believe are not to be understood in the same way as natural truths. We believe because God is trustworthy and won't deceive us. At the same time, our beliefs are not contrary to reason. Our faith rests on external proofs such as Christ's resurrection, his other miracles, the miracles of the saints, etc. This is paired with the internal movements of the Holy Spirit within us.

**157** Faith is *certain*. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. To be sure, revealed truths can seem obscure to human reason and experience, but "the certainty that the divine light gives is greater than that which the light of natural reason gives." "Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt."<sup>32</sup> Even though it is difficult to fully understand all matters of faith, we can be confident in it because God cannot lie to us. Simply because we wrestle with the teachings doesn't need to mean that we doubt God's revelation.

**159** *Faith and science*: "Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind, God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth." "Consequently, methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God. The humble and persevering investigator of the secrets of nature is being led, as it were, by the hand of God in spite of himself, for it is God, the conservator of all things, who made them what they are."

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, February 13

Garner 8:00 AM + Joe & Marie Vogal  
Adoration at 8:30 AM

### Tuesday, February 14

Duncan 8:00 AM + Marge Oborny  
Forest City 5:30 PM Cancelled

### Wednesday, February 15

Lake Mills 5:15 PM Cancelled  
Britt 5:30 PM + Randy & Marge Schleusner

### Thursday, February 16

Forest City 8:00 AM + Jim Reinig  
Adoration at 8:30 AM  
Garner 12:00 PM Cancelled

### Friday, February 17

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

### Saturday, February 18

Buffalo Center 4:00 PM For the People  
Duncan 4:00 PM + Mary Eleanor McNeal  
Britt (Spanish) 6:30 PM + Leonard & Monica Paca

### Sunday, February 19

Britt 8:00 AM + Marie Formanek  
Lake Mills 8:00 AM + Orville Scholbrock  
Garner 10:00AM + Bob Sr. & Judie Butin  
Forest City 10:30 AM + Ferman & Imelda Heinen

Mass times, events and announcements can also be found  
on [www.archangelscc.org/calendar](http://www.archangelscc.org/calendar)

## RECONCILIATION

### TUESDAY

Duncan 7:30 AM  
Forest City Cancelled

### WEDNESDAY

Britt 5:00 PM

### THURSDAY

Garner Cancelled

### 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

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Low Gluten hosts are now  
available in the

Archangels Catholic Cluster  
Contact Fr. Marr if interested.

## FAITH FORMATION

### A New Springtime in the Church and you!

Every year about this time I get excited for spring! Equally, I get sick of winter. I am ready for warmer weather and fun spring activities. And, I am tired of the cold and being stuck inside. Springtime also means Easter. Easter means Resurrection! After a cold and gray winter (that makes me feel like dying) it is good to be resurrected with a warm and green spring (that makes me feel alive) Easter is not only about Jesus' resurrection, it is also about ours! Before Jesus' resurrection we were dead in our sin, but after we are brought to life in Christ!

One way to enter into the resurrection of springtime and Easter, I would suggest, is **Lectio Divina**. Lectio Divina is Latin for Divine Reading. It is a way to pray with Scripture and it is awesome! Don't just take my word for it. Here is what Pope Benedict XVI has to say about Lectio Divina: **"I would like in particular to recall and recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio Divina...this practice will bring to the Church—I am convinced of it—a new spiritual springtime."** (So even the recent and holy pope agrees with me!) I recommend Lectio Divina to you as part of your daily prayer time. It will bring for you a new springtime in your own life. Here's how you do it:

Pick a passage between 1 and 10 verses. Shorter is usually better. I recommend using a Gospel passage.

1. **Read the passage slowly and prayerfully.** What does the passage say in itself? What catches your attention? This could be a word or a phrase.
2. **Read the passage again.** What do the verses say to you? Let yourself be moved and challenged by God's Word. What are your thoughts, emotions and reactions to the passage?
3. **Read again and talk to Jesus.** Tell the Lord what the passage is making you think and feel. How do you respond to the Lord's Word?
4. **Listen to Jesus.** What is the Lord telling you or asking you with the passage? Rest. Remember, the Lord's voice is often simple, clear, and peaceful.
5. **Respond to Jesus and act.** How will you make your life a gift to the Lord and others after praying?

Lectio Divina is meant to be simple. It can take five minutes or an hour! Just remember, Scripture is God's loving and encouraging Word to you. He wants to tell you His plan for your life and how much He loves you.

Here's a verse to practice with:

***And behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved son (/daughter) with whom I am well pleased."***

Matthew 3:17

