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# St. Isidore Newsletter

## Father Ray Burkle

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### Movie Night in Review:

During Lent, St. Isidore showed three movies; 1) The Life of Martin Luther, 2) The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, and 3) Risen. There was a good group of people at each of the movie showings which was followed by discussion. After the discussion of the last movie, it was asked if this is something we want to do again in the future, and there was a resounding, yes. There was a great benefit from having a discussion after each of the movies. Mrs. Barb Brumm, after all was said and done, commented about the order in which the movies were shown stated that it was like "Life, death and resurrection, the Pascal Mystery."

In looking for which movies to show in the future, there is a wide range of wonderful faith filled movies to choose from, and if you have one in mind, please let us know, and we will add it to the list. Hope to see you at the movies next Lent.

### Sacred Heart Building Project Update:

You can go to our website at [www.stisidorecluster.com](http://www.stisidorecluster.com) and view some of the latest photos that I have posted. A bunch of the sprinkler system and duct work has been started. In the near future, they should get started on the outside brick work as well as the electrical inside.

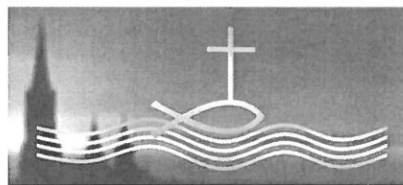
### R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will again be starting in September. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about joining the Catholic Church, now is the time to contact Fr. Ray, and get the information needed and to get registered for classes. Classes are held two to three times each month from September through April. Those who have not been previously baptized into a church will receive Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Those already baptized, will be coming into full Communion, by professing their faith, and receiving Communion and Confirmation.

### Pondering Parables:

Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?"

Fr. Ray will be offering a series to discuss some of the parables that Jesus used in his teachings. Classes will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. Parishioners, families, and children 2nd grade and up are invited. Each evening will have different parables that do not build upon what has gone before or what goes after. Classes in Osage will be on June 20 and July 11 & 25, classes in Stacyville will be June 27 and July 18.



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## Sister Millie Shares A Bit of Her Life With Us

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**Sister Millie Leuenberger, OSF, this summer will celebrate 60 years as a Sister of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa. Congratulations, Sister Millie! We are blessed to have you live among us.**

Attend Sister Millie's Open House. See details at bottom.

I was born the youngest of four children to William and Clara Loesch Leuenberger in our family home in Ossian, Iowa. There I lived until I entered the convent of Mount St. Francis in Dubuque on September 3, 1957. My education in grades 1-12 was at St. Francis DeSales Catholic School in Ossian. The Franciscans from Dubuque were my teachers.

My father was a shoe repair man. The Sisters would bring their shoes down to be fixed. When the job was done, I put on my roller skates and headed to the convent with the shoes. The Sisters were happy to see me and often gave me a cookie or medal as a thank you for returning their shoes.

It was in seventh grade that I made the decision to become a Sister. I perceived the Sisters to be happy people and I wanted to be happy. Reception Day into the community was August 12, 1958. Going to Mass that day, presided by the Archbishop, we were dressed as brides. It was at Mass that we received our brown habits and veils. Quickly exiting to another room, we donned the habits and veils (with help from two Sisters) and returned to the chapel. Then those present heard what our names would be as Sisters. I became Sister Mary Willamene, OSF. Willamene is a form of William. I was named after my father who died after my sophomore year in high school. In the late 1960s, I returned to my baptismal name of Mildred. After three years of formation, I took my first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience on August 12, 1960. Final (perpetual) profession was on August 12, 1963. At that time I received my Franciscan ring.

I graduated from Briar Cliff in Sioux City with a degree in elementary education. Except for Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, all the schools I taught in were in Iowa: Garnavillo, Monticello, Holy Trinity Dubuque, St. Mary's Waterloo, Templeton, Halbur, and Pocahontas. In 1983, I left elementary school teaching and took up ministry as pastoral associate in various locations: Maquoketa; Elma with Msgr. John W. Hemann; Lourdes, Alta Vista, North Washington, Ionia, and Nashua. I began my ministry in St. Isidore Cluster in March 2007.

January 3, 1995, I became the Pastoral Administrator of the churches in Balltown and Sherrill. This was a canonical appointment by Archbishop Daniel Kucera, OSB. I was responsible for the life of the parishes, except for Mass and the sacraments. Rev. Mel Hemann was my sacramental priest until he retired. Rev. Tom Zinkula, now bishop in Davenport, succeeded him.

I retired on January 31, 2012. Living in your midst, I continue to minister in prayer and presence. A Jubilee celebration with my Sister Community will be on June 24, 2018, at Mount St. Francis in Dubuque.

**An Open House in Sr. Millie's honor will be Sunday August 12, 2018, at Visitation from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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### Baptisms

SH – 3-10-18 Evan Jon Kotek, son of Jon & Renee Kotek

SH – 4-21-18 Ryder Thomas Kruse, son of Michael & Laura Kruse

VIS – 5-20-18 Mae Elisabeth Wilcox, daughter of Jake & Lisa Wilcox

### New Parishioners

SH – Joan Malecek

VIS – Justin & Krystal Bissen

VIS – Michael & Laura Kruse

### Marriages

VIS – 3-24-18 Benjamin Stutt & Haley Heimer

VIS – 5-5-18 Cody Meyer & Sarah Mueller

### Deaths

VIS – 2-26-18 Lawrence Hemann

SH – 3-19-18 Dorothy Beyer

SH – 3-23-18 Patricia Johannis

SH – 4-8-18 Theresa Grein

VIS – 4-18-18 Martha Beland

VIS – 4-18-18 Paul Smith

VIS – 5-5-18 David Bush

SH – 5-10-18 Judy Brockney



Joseph Sevcik, Seminarian from St. Mary's Seminary in Mundelein, Il., visited the Visitation Faith Formation students in their classrooms and spoke to the 5th through 8th grade students on vocations and what it means to be a missionary disciple, along with a Q. and A. session.



*“It was great fun to visit all of you students. Know of my prayers for you. Thanks for your support of me and for the great welcome. There is a great spirit among you. Keep praying, studying, reading the Bible, and being humble servants. Know that God has a plan for your life. Be not afraid. Respond generously. Go and make disciples.*

*In Christ,  
Joseph Sevcik*

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**Full of Fair Hope.....Red Lake Mission** “On the second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2017, Sisters Philip Zimmer, Ruth Ann Schneider, and Owen Lindblad drove to Red Lake. Sister Mary Lou Carlson of Red Lake had gone on ahead. It was not an ordinary trip for us.

As we made the last turn past the familiar grove of pines and into sight of St. Mary's Mission, sorrow filled our hearts. For there, where the little white mission church, St. Mary's, always stood, faint wisps of smoke lingered over ruins that bore witness to a devastating fire that had crept in unseen during the night of December 2. Nothing survived but the large bell now hidden in the pit under a smoldering debris of beloved treasures, not least of which was the Blessed Sacrament, artwork, and vestments that can never be replaced.



One hundred sixty years before, this parish, termed “full of fair hope” by missionary Father Francis Xavier Pierz, welcomed, but quickly lost, its first resident pastor young, zealous Father Lawrence Lautischar. In his enthusiasm to serve the Ojibwe people, he set out on his return trip from Ponemah where he had ministered to the sick back to Red Lake over the frozen lake in a blinding snowstorm. He froze to death just a few miles from the mission house where a large bonfire had been set to guide his way home. It was the first Sunday of Advent.

However, the new mission was meant to grow. With the hopes of the people and with building material purchased by (Saint) Katharine Drexel, who had visited this place “full of fair hope,” and with pleas from the elders for religious services from the Benedictine priests and sisters of Saint John's and Saint Benedict's, a parish was formed. For over 120 years, the lives of these Benedictines have been woven with those of the Ojibwe people of St. Mary's.

So, it was right that we would be there now for the people grieving in their sad hour. All gathered in the school gym for the celebration of the Eucharist: priests, sisters, elders, families with children. During a simple lunch served afterwards, we visited with our old friends. We were inspired by the hope and courage that was expressed among them.”

St. Isidore Cluster has taken up 2<sup>nd</sup> collections for Red Lake Indian Reservation several times. Our next collection for them is in July. Marvin and Marilyn Reis take supplies to them once per year. Marilyn said it was a cute little church. The Reis' are trying to contact them to see if there are any other needs that we can provide.



**Senior Recognition Sunday, May 13, 2018**

**Sacred Heart**

Back Row L-R

Katie Hoppel, Kelsey Havel, Christopher Schneider, Isaac Oberfoell, Lucas Schwamman, Jack Huebsch

Front Row L-R

Sophia Mayer, Avery Marley, Jacy Hovde, Brenna Jacobs, Jake Duren



**Totus Tuus Seminarians and College Students**

The Totus Tuus parish summer catechetical program, a week-long “parish mission” for Catholic youth in the 1st through 12th grades, is dedicated to proclamation of the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, apologetics, Christian witness, the sacraments, Marian devotion, and Eucharistic worship.

\*\*Totus Tuus accomplishes this as Seminarians and college students engage the youth of the parish with skits, songs, games and inspiring, interactive teaching.

\*\*Totus Tuus instructs young people in the basic tenets of the Catholic faith to cultivate both a firm intellectual grounding and a solid personal relationship with Christ.

\*\*Totus Tuus demonstrates that one can be a faithful, practicing Catholic and still have fun!

\*\*Totus Tuus seeks to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by challenging them to give themselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary.



**Visitation Catechists** attend the end of the year in-service followed by an evening of crafting.

“No matter where we are on our journey of Faith, we are called to be missionary disciples. Rooted and empowered by our loving relationship with Christ and trusting that He will provide us all that we need, we can share His love in whatever mission field He sends us”.

Thank you for serving as our Catechists. Your Faith enriches you to share God’s love with others, using whatever gifts God has given you. You are the heart and hands of Jesus.

Julie Brumm, Robertta Huffman, Coralie Krebsbach, Sarah (Mueller) Meyer, Barb Brumm, Karen Havlovic, Carol Mullenbach, Tammy Lamb, Corissa Meek. Not pictured: Tara Franzen, Dale and Audrey McCarthy. (Anita Adams– sub-Catechist).

**Totus Tuus - register now**  
**St. Isidore Catholic Community**  
**Sacred Heart/Visitation Parishes**  
**Sessions will be held at Sacred Heart in Osage**

**June 11-15, 2018 Grades 1st-6th**  
**June 10-14, 2018 Grades 7th-12th**

**Call Faith Formation Centers:**  
**Osage 641-732-3428 OR Stacyville 641-710-2441**

## Visitation Parish/Faith Formation Happenings



**Mary, Queen of May**— The annual May Crowning rite was celebrated on May 6th, prior to the Sunday morning Mass as the First Communicants and Kelly Brumm honored Mary with a crown of flowers and bouquets while the congregation sang the hymn, “On this day O Beautiful Mother, On this day we give these our love....” May crownings take place in many Roman Catholic parishes and homes. Characteristic of May devotions is the May Altar, whether in a church or as a “house altar” in the home. Marian devotions such as the rosary may take place within the family around a home altar consisting of a table with a Marian picture, candles, and decorated with many May flowers.

The rite for these crownings is flexible and can be adapted to different circumstances. Often it consists of prayers such as the Hail Holy Queen, Hail Marys or the Rosary along with hymns such as “Queen of the May” or “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above”. This is concluded with placing the crown of flowers on Mary’s head.



**2018 Visitation Seniors:** Bryton Lowe, Nicholas Bork, Theo Baldus, Stevan Merten, Dylan Bissen, Dylan Hanna, Devan Hackenmiller, Maddie Brumm, Grace Heimer, Kristen Hemann, and Kraig Hemann



**First Communion Sunday, April 29, 2018.** Ally Bissen, Emerson Brumm, and Audrina Franzen



### **Thank You Mass Servers**

Father Ray and the Parishioners of Visitation Parish recognize and appreciate the following Altar Servers for the dedication to the ministry of serving Mass. Their ministry assists Father during Mass to create a reverent, meaningful liturgy as they learn and grow in their understanding of the Mass. Ethan Adams, Will Knowlton, Natalie Bork, Olivia Huisman, Maci Juenger, Leah Merten, Lauren Bork, Taylor Hanna, Nathan Brumm, Bradley Hackenmiller, Lylah Knowlton, Lanie Hanna, Trace Huisman, Jaxson Brumm, Adyn Bissen, Ellie Merten and Isabelle Brumm. Not present Jack Hanke and Devan Hackenmiller

## Receiving the Sacraments



### First Communion

Back Row L-R:

Deb Popp, Spencer Power, Briar Wadey, Gunner Swenson, Garrett Elgin, Fr. Ray Burkle, Beth Hoppel

Front Row L-R:

Olivia Muhs, Tess, Darrow, Isabelle Reinardy, Lyla Sonberg, Natalie Wagner



### Confirmation

Back Row L-R

Barb Brumm, Caleb Brumm, Andrew Schneider, Mason O'Malley, Archbishop Michael Jackels, Zach Duren, Sawyer Chisholm, Father Ray, Preston Isler, Sawyer Smith, Beth Hoppel

Front Row L-R

Msgr. John Hemann, Libby Schwamman, Lexy Hovde, Zoë Wyonhrad, Emily Hemann, Mercedes Lesmeister, Shelby Heimer, Sam Juenger



**The Sacred Heart Faith Formation** 5th grade class and their parents collected \$147.77, during their class "Penny" collection. The students that participated were Paige Mehmen, Michael Wagner, Ashley Muhs, Madison Swenson, Kaegen O'Malley, Beau Taylor, Jarin Camlin, & Jack Hanke. **Catechist:** Jayne Havig



**Sister Water Project:** The Sisters of St. Francis, Dubuque, Iowa with support from their associates, launched the Sister Water Project in 2006 to bring safe water to villages in Tanzania and Honduras. Months were spent studying, discussing and praying about global water issues to fulfill the sisters mission statement of "living in right relationship with all of creation."

**Sister Water Project** Well #177 has been completed! This well in Mkuyuni serves 1,000 villagers and alleviates the high rate of water related diseases such as typhoid and diarrhea, which have prevailed in the past. We are grateful to our partners, Safe Water for Life and Dignity, as well as our many donors, and friends who help us to provide clean water to those desperately in need!

One of the **Visitation Faith Formation** student projects during Lent was a "Penny" collection for the Sister Water Project. Total collected was \$421.98.



# The Church's Social Doctrine

## 20 questions to test saints-in-the-making

DAVID O'BRIEN

This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review our Catholic faith. **Watch for the answers in an upcoming bulletin insert.**

**1** Catholic principles for responding to world problems are called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Catholic social teaching
- b) the sacraments
- c) the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- d) the Beatitudes



apply Catholic thought to modern injustices.

- a) Shakira XXIII
- b) Dwayne the Great
- c) Johnny II
- d) Leo XIII

**6** According to Catholic teaching, God prefers some

\_\_\_\_\_ races over others.  
True | False

**7** What you own belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ and is given for the good of all (see Leviticus 25:23-43).

- a) private owner
- b) bank
- c) government
- d) Lord

**8** The \_\_\_\_\_ is where people should first learn about God, fairness, love, right and wrong, justice, and helping those in need.

- a) government
- b) country
- c) family
- d) school

**9** People deserve respect and have worth and dignity because they

\_\_\_\_\_ a) are made in God's image b) are top students c) can work and make money d) are beautiful, strong, and healthy

**10** Church teaching promotes peace building and provides moral rules for \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) college football
- b) war
- c) PlayStation
- d) fashion

**11** The Catholic Church teaches the death penalty doesn't have to be used to protect people from convicted murderers and terrorists.

True | False

**12** In the sixteenth century, Jesuit missionary \_\_\_\_\_ traveled to Asia to proclaim the gospel.

- a) Francis Xavier
- b) Augustine
- c) Patrick
- d) Thomas Aquinas

**13** The Lord hears the cry of the \_\_\_\_\_ (see Job 34:20-28).

- a) owl
- b) Egyptians
- c) sore losers
- d) poor

**14** If one member of Christ's body suffers, all \_\_\_\_\_ (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-26).

- a) call 911
- b) are sad
- c) send money
- d) suffer

**15** A person can be a missionary to their family or at their school.

True | False



**16** Taking care of the earth is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a requirement of our Catholic faith  
b) an Earth Day slogan  
c) unnecessary  
d) for the Department of the Interior

**17** God taught the Israelites to especially protect widows, \_\_\_\_\_, and immigrants/foreigners (see Deuteronomy 10:18).

- a) Jews  
b) orphans  
c) family members  
d) friends

**18** "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's \_\_\_\_\_ for one's friends" (John 15:13).

- a) life  
b) money  
c) favorite video game  
d) lunch

**19** Catholics serve others \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) for service hours  
b) because it is less boring than class  
c) because we were created by God to love and serve  
d) so people admire us

**20** All people have a right to dignified work, fair wages, \_\_\_\_\_.



healthcare, decent living conditions, and the freedom to migrate, according to our Catholic faith.

True | False

## Kids' quiz *The Importance of Caring for Others*

This quiz can help your students and your students' families review our Catholic faith.

Watch for the answers in an upcoming bulletin insert.

**1** Jesus said everyone will go to either heaven or hell based on whether we help the people who \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 25:31ff)

- a) sing the best  
b) are most needy  
c) pay us to help  
d) give us candy

**2** The \_\_\_\_\_ were the first missionaries to bring the good news of Jesus to the rest of the world.

- a) Apostles  
b) Franciscans  
c) Dominicans  
d) Jesuits

**3** Protecting the life and dignity of all people means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) sharing your toys  
b) doing your homework  
c) being nice to animals  
d) saving unborn babies from abortion.

**4** Fixing the problems of the world is not something \_\_\_\_\_.

Catholics care about. We just pray so that we can get to heaven. True | False

**5** God created the world and said it was "good", so we should \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- a) destroy  
b) throw garbage all over  
c) take care of  
d) pollute

**6** Missionaries travel to \_\_\_\_\_ around the world to tell people about Jesus and help them with their problems the way Jesus would help them.

- a) vacation resorts  
b) Walmarts  
c) foreign countries  
d) soccer games

**7** Many missionaries start \_\_\_\_\_ to help the poor children in the area.

- a) car companies  
b) Catholic schools  
c) new governments  
d) Facebook pages

**8** The Church teaches that we should help the people who \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) need it the most  
b) can pay the most  
c) complain the most  
d) are the most powerful

**9** Catholics believe that we are our brother's \_\_\_\_\_ and are required to take care of each other.

- a) enemy  
b) competitor  
c) playmate  
d) keeper

**10** Only priests can be missionaries. True | False



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### **2019 St. Isidore Parish Mission**



Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music and storytelling.

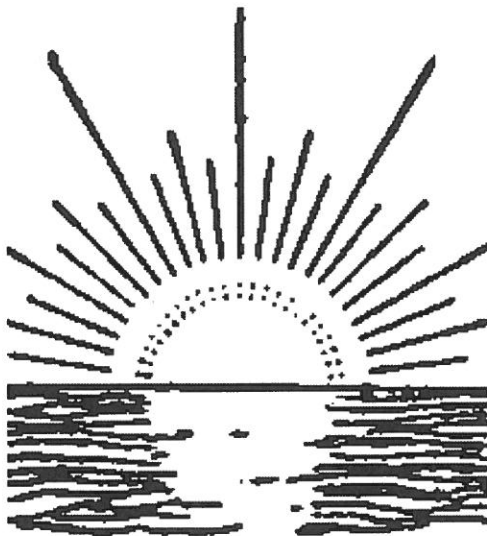
Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve's easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Steve will join us for a Parish Mission, April 14, 15, & 16, 2019.

**October 19-20-21, 2018** St. Isidore Catholic Community will be hosting their 10th Women's CEW at Visitation Faith Formation Center.

**What is CEW?** This weekend is an ecumenical experience designed to give the seeking Christians an opportunity to focus on their relationship with God, self, and others. "The best weekend of my life" is how most participants describe the weekend of inspiration, motivation, community, laughter, and great food.

**Who is it for?** Anyone wanting to learn what Christian life is really all about. **Do you have to be a Catholic to attend CEW?** No. **What happens at a CEW?** A team of lay people, priests, sisters, and ministers conduct the weekend which includes inspirational talks, discussions, various prayer services and some personal time for reflection. A registration form will be on the St. Isidore website or contact Barbara Ann Brumm at [dbq191re@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq191re@dbqarch.org) or 641-710-2441.



### **Catholic Heart Workcamp 2018**

Please pray for us and especially for the people that we will be serving during our week of service with Catholic Heart Workcamp. For this week it's not about us. It's about the people we serve. We will depart on Saturday, June 23, and will return on Saturday, June 30, 2018. Those traveling to Memphis, TN, include Cole Adams, Sawyer Chisholm, Zach Duren, Krista Erickson, Nathan Havel, Beth Hoppel, Katie Hoppel, Abbie Kulow, Noah O'Malley, Mason O'Malley, Jenna Plotzke, Denny Thompson, Marlin Duren, and Patrick VandenAvond. Once again this year, we will be collecting new paint brushes, paint roller pads, masking tape, work gloves, and flat bed sheets. Donations can be dropped off at the Visitation or Sacred Heart Faith Formation Offices. Questions, please contact Beth Hoppel at 641-732-3428.



## Christ Our Life Conference 2018

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### Conference Background

Christ Our Life Catholic Regional Conference is a non-profit conference being held at Wells Fargo Arena. It is a grassroots effort of faith springing up out of the heart of Iowa and blessed by Bishop Richard E. Pates of the Catholic Diocese of Des Moines.

### How Did it Come About?

Christ Our Life Catholic Regional Conference was conceived in 2008 and was inspired by the Holy Spirit pulling on the hearts of two women in central Iowa. They prayed, gathered a dedicated and spiritually motivated group of volunteers, and secured world-renowned speakers. The result was a first-of-its kind Catholic conference. Now we are offering a fifth biennial Christ Our Life conference focused on bringing Catholics together, inspiring, celebrating and exploring their faith and bringing souls to Christ.

### You Are Invited!

You are invited to one of the largest conferences of its kind in the United States, Saturday and Sunday, September 29 & 30, 2018, at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Hear world-class speakers, celebrate Mass among many thousands, attend Reconciliation, visit Jesus in Adoration, fill your spirit with music and feel your soul rejoice!! For more information check out the website at [ChristOurLifeIowa.com](http://ChristOurLifeIowa.com). Tickets are now available by contacting Beth Hoppel at 641-732-3428.

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