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SACRED HEART AND VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. Isidore Newsletter

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R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. (or simply "RCIA") stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, the process by which an adult person is initiated into the Catholic Church, through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. Through this process the adult is formed in the Christian faith, with the local parish community serving as both catechists and models.

R.C.I.A. has been around since the early Church - and was the method in which the Church prepared un-baptized adults to be received into the Christian Church (which later became known as the Catholic Church). The R.C.I.A. process was an intense period of study, prayer, and conversion which (in the Church's early days) often lasted up to three years. During the process, a sponsor would testify to the entire assembly of the conversion, authenticity, and genuine readiness of the individual. After some time, the process was put aside, and in its place private preparation was used.

The Second Vatican Council brought back the R.C.I.A. process in keeping with the spirit of communal participation of the whole Church. Inquirers enter a public process, are formed in community, and integrated into the life of the Church through that community.

Within the St. Isidore Cluster this process will again be starting in September. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic are asked to contact Fr. Ray Burkle and get registered for classes.

Brewing the Faith

On the first Thursday of the month, people are encouraged to gather upstairs at Limestone Brewery for an evening of discussing various faith topics. We meet from 7:00-8:30pm. Anyone interested in presenting a topic can either bring it along that evening or place it in the topic/question box at any time during the month. As often as possible, two ministers will be present to help guide the evening.

No one is required to speak, so if you only want to come and listen, please feel free to do so. If you do choose to speak, we ask that no one or two people dominate the discussion, and that everyone respects the opinions and comments of others.

Stay with us

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2019. The 2019 theme will be "**Stay with Us.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

"Stay with Us," is taken from the story of Emmaus, when two of the disciples were journeying, and Jesus came and walked with them explaining scripture and why Jesus had to die on the cross. As they neared Emmaus, they invited Jesus in to stay with them for the night, and during this time, they came to recognize Jesus in the "Breaking of the Bread." We also are called to invite Jesus into our lives and our hearts.

Have you ever taken a really close look at the photo of Jesus at the door knocking? If you have, did you realize that there is no door knob on the outside? The door has to be opened from within. If we want Jesus to stay with us, we also have to open our minds, our hearts and our hands to receive Him.

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Remember: God does not call the qualified, God qualifies those He calls.

A Prayer for the New School Year

Gracious God,
as the summer begins to fade,
new possibilities lie on the horizon.
Bless all of those who are beginning
or returning to their roles
as teachers and catechists,
as well as those who lead and support them
in their efforts.
May this school year be a time
of grace and potential
as they teach, share, and challenge others
to grow in faith, knowledge and wisdom.
Bless children and youth,
along with their parents,
as they begin a new school year.
May their minds be open to learning
and to the wonder of discovery and insight.
Be with us all as we embark on this new year.
Amen.

Evening Bible Study Opportunity

An evening Bible study will be held this fall for those who want to better understand the Bible, but find it a bit intimidating. This 8-week study will use Edward Sri's book, *The Real Story*, along with the Bible to help participants discover the "big picture" of the Bible by learning the overarching story of God's covenant family plan. Participants will learn how familiar stories such as Noah and the flood, Moses and the Exodus, David and Goliath, as well as Jesus and the cross, fit together to eventually reveal God's plan. If you wish to read the book, there are extra copies in the Sacred Heart Library.

“CONNECTING” WITH THE CATHOLIC WORLD...by Janice Schonrock

Did you know there are many ways to “connect” with and “learn” about our Catholic faith? Attending Sunday Mass and Bible Study Groups are only a couple.

Here are some places to start “CONNECTING” using your phone, ipad, laptop or computer.

Daily Mass Readings and Reflections (GOOGLE) (sign up for daily Emails) Listen to or read the Mass readings and listen to short reflections.

You can also get the Daily Mass reading sent to your Email in the App Store.

Bishop ROBERT BARRON of (Word on Fire Institute) is another place to find Daily readings and reflections. He also posts a homily each Sunday.

I just recently found a site called “CARPE VERBUM” which is Latin for (Seize the day). This is geared for Teenagers. It is a Catholic step-by-step guide to a daily prayer life, which is rooted in the Word of God. To sign up send a text 84576 to CARPE – I like that it asks questions that help you pray with the readings. It also sends a picture for your phone to remind you to pray all day.

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS - (Dr. Scott Hahn and others at (stpaulcenter.com)

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC (Matthew Kelly)

This site has a daily inspirational quote from various Catholic authors that you can share with others through texting or emailing.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE (This is a free App) It is a Question and Answer program. A good place to find answers to questions about our Catholic faith.

Here is a list of FREE PODCASTS (an APP)

ASK CHRISTOPHER WEST - (Expert on St. John Paul II & Theology of the Body)

ALL THINGS CATHOLIC - (Dr. Edward Sri and other authors)

EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW – (on Being a Disciple)

CATHOLIC STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW

CATHOLIC PLAYLIST (new Catholic Music)

AND HERE ARE SOME --YOUTUBE VIDEOS--

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON - (Born in Chicago, Very popular on YouTube)

FATHER MICHAEL SCHMITZ - (Teaches at University in Duluth, MN.)

SR. MIRIAM JAMES - (Former Division I Volleyball star. Loves Sports)

CHRIS STEFANICK - (REAL LIFE CATHOLIC)

BISHOP FULTON SHEEN – (RERUNS of T.V. Show “LIFE IS WORTH LIVING”

LET ME KNOW OF OTHERS YOU FIND AND LIKE. Each has his/her own style of presenting and teaching us about our faith. Try them out and see which you enjoy most.

Sacred Heart Parish Hall is now available to rent. Call Jill at the St. Isidore Catholic Center for details. Rent amount depends upon size of party, 1/2 or full day, use or no use of kitchen.

Vince Weber turns 100 Years Old...by Marlys Rogers



Vince Weber will be 100 years old on November 7, 2019.

When asked what to credit for his long life, Vince had a quick reply. "Good genes. I had two aunts who lived to be 102, another aunt who lived to 99, and an uncle who lived to 101."

Vince was born on November 7, 1919, near Little Cedar. His parents were Isidore and Catherine (Salz) Weber. He was the second of 11 siblings, including a set of twins and a brother with Down syndrome. Another brother, Arnold, passed away in March of this year, leaving only the youngest in the family, Jim Weber, and Mary McIntyre, both of Osage.

Vince attended Visitation School in Stacyville for 8 grades. Of his childhood, he said, "I either helped out with everything or got in the way," and, "There was no getting around Sunday Mass." He had a commitment to Sunday Mass until he moved from his home to Apple Valley Assisted Living in 2010. Father Ray celebrates Mass there once a month, and a parishioner brings the Eucharist weekly.

In 1941 Vince was working for a farmer, but his job ended on December 6. On December 7, Pearl Harbor was attacked. In May of 1942, he was drafted into the Army. He spent two months in basic training with the medical corps. After that he served in the U.S. as an X-ray technician in the Army – Air Force, until his discharge in January, 1946.

"I never had a gun in my hand," said Vince. Guns were needed elsewhere. He would occasionally pull outdoor guard duty, but they carried clubs instead of guns. "It wasn't very risky."

Vince says he is a "numbers man", which explains the thrust of his later education. He has a Diploma in Machine Drafting from the Chicago Technical College and a Certificate in Mechanical Engineering from International Correspondence Schools.

He was employed by Oliver/White Farm Equipment Company for 34 years, beginning in the forge shop but transferring to design engineering. He enjoyed his work, which he said mainly involved gears, shafts, bearings, and housing. He specialized in gear design.

In the 1960's, he got in on the early days of computer programming. Fortran was the first language used at Oliver, but that was replaced by IBM Basic. His last assignment involved the drive-train for the White 2-155. He retired as a Senior Project Engineer.

Vince's father died unexpectedly. His mother was somewhat disabled and couldn't live alone, so, as Vince put it, "She took care of me for the first 6 years of my life and I took care of her for the last 6 years of her life."

After she died, Vince resumed living alone, and did so until he was 90 and it didn't seem wise to live alone any longer. That is when he moved to Apple Valley.

He participated in a number of activities outside of work, including joining a flying club and learning to fly airplanes. He enjoyed fishing, mainly for northern pike and bass during the daytime hours, and for bullheads at night. Vince played golf at Sunny Brae for 51 years. He was later told that if he wanted to "hit a few", to just come back.

Father Connolly was a good friend. The two of them played golf together, and, on Thursday nights had supper at the club.

When asked about his current activities, Vince pointed to three computers on his desk. He uses them in various ways, including storing information about his family and military history.

Summing up the present situation in our country, he gestured as he said, "It is unbelievable that people are doing what they are doing!" When he was in the military, for example, "Everyone respected everyone else."

Respect others. That's good advice from a man who has lived a century.

Children's Choir Church Camp...by Katie Elgin

On August 25, the St. Isidore Catholic Community put on a Children's Choir Church Camp for ages 4-year-old to 8th grade. The goal of this event was to provide the children with an opportunity to learn some new songs and instruments, build a couple of crafts and get to know other kids within our church. We also hoped this event would increase our participation of the children's choir that was started a year ago by Laura Wynohrad and Katie Elgin.

We kicked off the event with pizza for lunch and a group ice breaker, sharing a few of our favorite things. After the warm up, the kids were split up into two different groups, 4-year-old to 2nd graders which will make up our Kids Praise Choir and the 3rd to 8th graders that make up our Joyful Noise Choir. The littles had an opportunity to build their own noise makers that we hope to incorporate into the songs we will sing before Mass throughout the school year. The older kids had an opportunity to try out the bells that were purchased by our former Sacred Heart music teacher and other various instruments we found throughout our parish. After the instruments, the kids learned several new songs that were chosen by Deb Baldus. The children also had a chance to incorporate the musical instruments. At the conclusion of the event, the children put on an informal concert for their parents to show them the new skills and songs they learned throughout the camp. Overall, the camp was well received by the kids and we look forward to sharing some of the beautiful music we learned with our congregation very soon! Thanks to the planning committee and volunteers we had the day of the event that helped make it an interactive and enjoyable event for our children.

Meyer Tractor Ride...by Connie Kruse

The 11th annual Meyer Tractor Ride was on July 28, 2019. The rides are in memory of those who died within the past year. This year's ride was in memory of Richard Kruse (9-11-18), Lester Durben (4-9-19), and Tom McCarthy (6-29-19). The morning had rain showers which kept some drivers home. I think there were 57 tractors on the ride. We left Meyer at 12:30pm, went to Stacyville to the Stacyville Community Nursing Home, then to Johnsburg for a break. Then we headed north to County 6 and back to Meyer where there were Sloppy Joes, chips, and cookies waiting. It was a fun afternoon.



Mollie B and the Jim Busta Band...by Annette Uker

Parishioners, community members, and folks from around the state and surrounding states enjoyed Mollie B's entertainment on June 30. We served lunch to approximately 300 people. The parish hall was packed all afternoon with people dancing on two dance floors, listening to the music, visiting, having root beer floats, and eating popcorn. Many parishioners helped with this fund-raiser, either in preparing food, serving, clean-up, and making popcorn. Thanks to monetary donations for the entertainment, profit for this fundraiser was \$1917.55.

This is a note that we received from a lady from Newton.

"I would like to just share how wonderful our Sunday on June 30th was. As we entered the Church, we were greeted by a grateful guy that welcomed us to Osage! We then waited in line to get our lunch.(very short wait) Actually as we were waiting, a very nice lady chatted with us too and then continued to help us find our seats, how special to feel so welcome. To all the kitchen help and to everyone that had a hand involved into this AWESOME day, Thank You...it was very well organized! Many hands make a light load, as I always share with my Church family. My mom that turned 84 in June was so delighted to get to see Mollie B. We drove 2 1/2 hours from Newton, Iowa. We definitely would do it again! Thank you so much! Blessings, Tammy Farver and my momma Marilyn Hansen!"



DID YOU KNOW?

Bill Fox and the “Blackbird”



Bill was born on August 28, 1933, in Osage, Iowa. He grew up on a farm near Orchard and was the fifth of seven siblings. He attended Orchard Consolidated Schools for 12 years graduating from high school in 1951. After graduation, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was placed in the Naval Aviation Branch. After a year of special training, he was assigned to a squadron which was on orders to Korea aboard the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany. After one year, he returned to the States and was assigned to a service squadron until his honorable discharge in June of 1954.

He started school that fall at Iowa State College of Engineering and later attended the University of Minnesota. He then went to work for Honeywell in the Engineering Flight Test Division developing requirements and testing programs for auto pilots and control systems for the most advanced military aircraft. This work soon took him to St. Louis, White Sands, and California for various ongoing aircraft test programs. While in California, he was assigned to the highly classified Blackbird program which was still in the concept phase. Bill was responsible for developing the Flight Control Simulator. He was then assigned to Area 51 to take part in the development flight test program. His primary responsibility was the Autopilot and Stability Augmentation System but he soon became involved with nearly every system on the aircraft, including the Inlet Control System, Instrumentation, Fuel Quantity and CG System, and pilot survival equipment.

This aircraft was designed as a spy plane that could fly safely over Russia by flying extremely fast and very high. Though it is now out of service, it is still the fastest aircraft ever built and considered the greatest Aviation Achievement of the Twentieth Century.

Following that program, he became Engineering and Program Manager for the Lockheed/NASA/Airforce YF-12 Blackbird Research Program. Then as stealth programs began in the late 1970's it was back to Area 51 as Lockheed's Site Manager and Engineering Flight Test Manager for various stealth programs, some just now being released to the public. Following these programs, Bill was assigned as Test Manager for the Blackbird and U2 aircraft follow on development programs in Palmdale, CA.

When Lockheed started a division in Texas, Bill transferred to that division as Engineering Flight Test Manager for the Aquila, an unmanned aircraft used as a battlefield overhead target designator for the U.S. Army.

Bill retired in December 1988 and moved back to Osage. He moved to Charles City in 1999. He spends much of his time giving presentations about the Blackbird to various schools and youth groups, Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs throughout Iowa, ROTCs, Experimental Aircraft organizations, speaking to well over 10,000 people in all.

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Bill was selected in 2002 as one of 20 charter members of the Blackbird Laurels Society which was organized to honor those deemed most responsible for the success of the Blackbird. In April of 2005, Bill received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Osage Education Foundation for outstanding achievements and contributions to society following graduation.

Bill is a member of the VFW, American Legion, Amvets, Moose, Elks, Knights of Columbus, Experimental Aircraft Association, Roadrunners Internationale (Past President), and the Blackbird Association.



This is where we moved to when I was 3 years old (1936). We sold it in 1991. We had a trout stream on the south edge of it and a large river (Big Cedar) on the west edge. When I was too small to help in the farm operations, I usually went fishing every day. It was a wonderful place to grow up and the memories from there are endless.

In September 2008, Bill was inducted into the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame.

Bill moved from Charles City back to Osage in 2017. He resides at Evergreen Senior Living. He would be more than happy to discuss with you or give a group talk on his beloved Blackbird. If you want to view more photos, google Bill Fox the Roadrunner.



Ladies Night Out

On Tuesday evening, October 15, our cluster ladies are hosting the ladies from Our Savior’s Lutheran Church at our Annual Ladies Night Out.

This year the event will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

It will be our largest group ever!
So...we need you!!

Please say “yes” to hosting a table for this fun evening.
Or offer to make a salad (many types are needed).

For more information or to say “yes”,
please call Mary Lou Kennedy at 732-3554 or
email mkennedy@osage.net



To be better storytellers, each of us needs to become more aware of our own story. Many Catholics, baptized as infants and sacramentalized as little children, often come to the erroneous conclusion that they do not have a story to tell-no dramatic conversion that brought them as an adult to the waters of baptism and a whole new way of life. So how can we get in touch with our own story? Try the following:

Identify significant people in your life. Just as God spoke to his people through Moses and the prophets, God typically speaks to us through other people. Who are the significant people in your life who have shaped and influenced you and to whom you owe much? No doubt once you think of these significant people, you will recall stories related to their impact on your life.

Identify moments of joy (big or small). Throughout Scripture, people who recognize that they have had an encounter with God express that encounter in terms of great joy. By reversing that process, we can come to recognize encounters with God. In other words, by reflecting on moments of joy, whether big or small, we can recognize and tell stories about God’s movement in our lives.

Identify peak moments of grace. In addition to the everyday, small ways that God has manifested his presence to us, each of us can think of a handful of extraordinary moments when we felt we had come face-to-face with the infinite and when God’s presence was almost palpable. Perhaps it was a brush with death, a moment of incredible luck or fortune, a dramatic recovery from an unfortunate situation, or an extraordinary experience of beauty. Moments like these make us aware of a power greater than our own and make for inspiring stories.

Identify milestones in your life. Each of us can identify significant moments when we reach a milestone: a graduation, a new job, a promotion, a birthday or anniversary, a wedding day, and so on. These events cause us to pause and express gratitude, and when we express gratitude, we find ourselves contemplating the Giver of all good gifts. A story about a milestone in your life becomes a story of faith when you acknowledge God’s grace present within the story.

I propose that parishes regularly feature stories of faith, told by everyday parishioners-in the parish bulletin, on parish bulletin boards, and on the parish Web site and Facebook page. (Or Newsletter)

(Short reflections (200 words). Photos of the individuals who write their reflections can accompany their piece so that parishioners can begin to recognize others in their midst who are working at recognizing God in their everyday lives.

Storytelling creates an emotional connection that cannot be achieved through debate. If we are to become a church on the move, we need to touch not only people’s minds but also their hearts.

Please email your “story” to Annette for our next newsletter. Or if you know of someone with a story, contact Annette and she will contact that person.



Please “like” us on Facebook.

Facebook is up and running for both Sacred Heart Church and Visitation Church.

Time & Talent Sheets

There is a copy of the Time and Talent Sheet in this newsletter. If you were out of town and missed it in the bulletin, here is your copy. We need everyone to do their part so that we can keep our vibrant parishes alive. A small percentage of parishioners are doing a large percentage of the volunteering. You will remain on the schedules that you are currently serving on. This form is for your new area/s of volunteerism.

We want and need EVERYONE!

The pilgrimage was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque Council of Catholic Women

A pilgrimage is a journey to search for or visit holy places. On August 7 and 8, we visited two such places on a bus trip with Fr. Knipper and the ACCW to the Twin Cities. Our first stop was the Cathedral of St. Paul. A Cathedral is the archbishop's church identified by a large red chair in the sanctuary. The church seats 3000. I found the Shrines of the Nations interesting, several small chapels surrounding the sanctuary representing the national patrons of the people who colonized the city. Ex: St. Patrick for the Irish. For a virtual tour, go to www.cathedralstpaul.org.

On Wednesday evening, we had dinner at the Chanhassen Theatre and enjoyed the performance of "Mama Mia".

On Thursday, we visited the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. A Basilica is a church for the pope as leader of the Catholic Church, identified by a red and white umbrella and a bell. There were eight confessionals because at one time there were eight priests at the church. Statues of the twelve apostles surround the sanctuary copied from the statues in Rome.

On the way home, we stopped at the orphanage museum at the Minnesota State Public School for dependent and neglected children. The school was built in 1886 as a self sustaining institution where children from babies to age 18 would be educated until they were adopted or indentured. At the height of its existence it housed 500 children in 16 cottages. The school was faded out in 1945. In 1993, restoration began as a memorial to the "State School kids". If you have a chance to visit, it is worth your while.

By Anita Adams

The Cathedral of Saint Paul's cornerstone was laid in 1907. At that time, it was part of the Dubuque diocese. The church pews were built in Dubuque and are still used today. The Cathedral dominates the St. Paul skyline. The capital building was built to face the Cathedral, it was that important to the city. In the founders chapel of the cathedral there is an amazing replica statue of Michael Angelo's Pieta. Michael Angelo lost his mother at an early age. The face he put on Mary is what he remembered of his own mother's face. He was claiming Mary as his spiritual mother and invites us to do the same. Father Knipper, our spiritual guide, prayed a Mass for us at the Chapel of the Sacred Heart.

We had such good seats as we experienced non-stop entertainment watching "Mamma Mia". A delightful story of love, laughter, and friendship with amazing color, singing, acting and explosive dancing.

The Basilica of St. Mary was America's first basilica starting out as a shed church. It has a marble altar with sculptures of the 12 apostles above. It has beautiful stained glass windows depicting the life of Mary. Many concerts take place in this basilica.

We enjoyed Father Knipper's wit and wisdom. He is a good story teller finding lessons for us to ponder. We met and enjoyed very nice people on this pilgrimage. Father Knipper also shared some of his journey to the priesthood.

By Sue Wageman

As a newbie to a pilgrimage, I thoroughly enjoyed my experience visiting the Cathedral of St. Paul and Basilica of St. Mary in the Twin Cities. They are both examples of impressive architecture and skillful engineering, especially considering the tools and equipment used over 100 years ago. Truly beautiful.

We were privileged to have Father Knipper offer Mass at both churches as well.

The performance of "Mama Mia" at the Chanhassen was topnotch with lively, colorful and talented performers. Very enjoyable!

The Orphanage Museum was very interesting and eye-opening; a place I had never heard of. To think there were 10,635 orphans throughout the years from 1886 to 1945, and just in Minnesota.

I could say more, but then again, I am probably easily entertained.

By Elaine Havlovic

Sacred Heart Guild is now serving Guild Suppers in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. There is a supper each second Thursday of the month serving from 5:30-6:30pm. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Please use the entrance by the east parking lot. Baked steak with mashed potatoes and gravy has been very popular and is delicious.

Totus Tuus...by Barbara Ann Brumm

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.

We celebrated our second amazing and memorable Totus Tuus week here at St. Isidore June 9-14. St. Isidore Catholic Cluster has found harmony and joy in working together along with our wonderful and gifted Totus Tuus team, Sam, Sierra, Sarah, and Jake. There were 34 children attending the day program and 8 attending the evening sessions. The progression of respect and reverence for and during Mass and during Eucharistic Adoration was beautiful, along with the echoing of the children’s voices throughout the church as they participated in prayer and in song. Sometimes one had to stop singing, just to listen to the children’s voices. I wish all the parents could have attended Mass to experience the joy and blessings as their children worshiped at daily Mass. There are so many stories of blessings, joy; so many examples of seeing Jesus in each other; so many prayerful experiences, stories and laughs. Thank you to all the catechists, volunteers, staff, host families who provided a home for the TEAM, families who provided evening meals, afternoon bars, or monetary donations. Thank you to all who initiated, promoted, inspired, etc. this program in our Archdiocese. You have done an amazing job! We will schedule Totus Tuus again next year.



Archdiocesan Women's Retreat: Fearless. Faithful. Feminine

Saturday, October 26, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. St. Mary, Waverly.

This daylong retreat will help women reflect on their lives as fearless, faithful disciples of Christ in the home, the workplace, and the public square. Women will have time to pray together, hear amazing talks, discuss ideas, and create a plan for living more fearlessly and faithfully in today's world. Please invite your sisters, friends, parishioners to attend this day designed for women.

Sponsored by ACCW. Cost is \$35. Registration: https://www.dbqarch.org/event/archdiocesan-womens-retreat-fearless-faithful-feminine/?instance_id=1492

Archdiocesan Men's Conference

The 2020 Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, with Archbishop Jackels presiding at Mass. More details may be found at www.CatholicMenOnline.com.



New CRE at Sacred Heart...by Barbara Ann Brumm

Welcome, Tammy Lamb, to St. Isidore Faith Formation leadership staff as the CRE (Coordinator of Religious Education) for Sacred Heart K-8th grade and St. Isidore High School coordinator. Tammy is from Stacyville and has been a member of Visitation Parish all her life. She served as 1st grade Catechist for 6 years at Visitation Faith Formation and also a leader of Children's Liturgy of the Word. Tammy serves the parish as a member of the Visitation Parish Christian Women Organization, was past chair of St. Catherine's Unit and serves the Parish as one of their "money counters". Tammy is married to Joe and they have a son, Tobias.

Tammy is truly gifted with quick computer program skills and we certainly appreciate her expertise. She enjoys the St. Isidore Community and is comfortable among the parishioners of both Parishes. She is energetic, welcoming, loves to laugh, and has a positive attitude for the upcoming Faith Formation year and her position as CRE.

Totus Tuus week...Was Pope Francis in the building?



Beauty ALIVE

Beauty Alive 2019 – On Fire!

The Archdiocese of Dubuque, in collaboration with ACCW (Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women), once again, presents Beauty Alive!

We are deeply interested in promoting quality ministries for women of all ages in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. We are on fire to come to a town near you to pray, to listen to your ideas, to laugh together, and to roll out a few new ideas! Please mark your calendar to attend one of the seven sites for an evening of friendship, fun, and refreshments!

(each location: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

Monday, September 16: Clear Lake, St. Patrick

Tuesday, September 17: Iowa Falls, St. Mark

Monday, September 23: Marshalltown, St. Henry

Tuesday, September 24: Cedar Rapids, St. Pius X

Thursday, September 26: Decorah, St. Benedict

Monday, September 30: Jesup, St. Athanasius

Thursday, October 3: Peosta, St. John the Baptist

It was a great joy and pleasure meeting and listening to so many beautiful women at the Beauty Alive events! Thanks to ACCW for making this wonderful opportunity available! We look forward to continued collaboration between ACCW and the archdiocesan offices for the benefit of all women of the Archdiocese of Dubuque!

If you have not yet read the 2018 Beauty Alive summary in the Archdiocese of Dubuque's publication, *The Witness*, please check it out: <https://www.thewitnessonline.org/evangelization/beauty-alive-meetings-on-womens-ministry-bear-fruit/>

Summary of *Beauty Alive* needs, desires, dreams and ideas: 8 pages on this website

Registration is appreciated, but not required: <https://www.dbqarch.org/?s=Beauty+Alive>

Come Pray With Us — First Saturday of each month

St. Isidore parishioners are invited to come together on the first Saturday of each month for about 30 minutes to pray for unity and a faith-filled response to the call to discipleship for each of us. Prayer sheets will be provided. We ask that you pray for these intentions every day on your own and collectively on 1st Saturdays.

Sacred Heart Church at 9:00am

Stacyville Community Nursing Home at 9:00am

Good Samaritan Nursing Home in St. Ansgar at 9:15am

Thursday Morning Bible Sharing 9:00am in the Sacred Heart Meeting Room begins September 5. All are welcome.

Friday Morning Bible Sharing 9:00am at Evergreen Senior Living begins September 6. All are welcome.

Newsletter Staff

We are looking for more members for our newsletter staff. If interested, please contact Barbara Brumm or Annette Uker. We meet four times per year.

Baptisms

VIS-7-21-19-Noble Joseph, son of Jonathan Rogers & Tess Mayer

VIS-8-4-19-Andi Marie, daughter of Cody & Anna Hemann

SH-8-10-19-Wyatt Russell, son of Wesley & Jena Hardy

Marriage

SH-6-11-19-Wesley & Jena Hardy

New Parishioners

SH-Larry & Judy Gergen

SH-Wesley & Jena Hardy

Deaths

SH-5-20-19-John M. Hemann

VIS-8-30-18-Betsey Hatten (burial only)

VIS-5-24-19-Alfred Bernard Hemann

VIS-12-23-18-Alfred Reinhard Hemann (burial only)

SH-6-15-19-Lucy (Rogers) Santer

SH-6-25-19-Mary Scheer

SH-6-28-19-Marvin Reis

VIS-6-29-19-Thomas McCarthy

SH-7-2-19-Mary Mackin

VIS-7-19-19-Margaret Blake

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