

Mass Intentions

Sat, March 3 (Church Support)

Mass for Esther Flander +

Sun, March 4 (Church Support)

Mass for Duane Bissen +

Mass for the People of the Parish

Gospel Readings for the week of Feb 26 - Mar 2

Feb 26	Luke 6:36 - 38
Feb 27	Matthew 23:1 - 12
Feb 28	Matthew 20:17 - 28
Mar 1	Matthew 20:17 - 28
Mar 2	Matthew 21:33 - 43, 45 - 46

STATIONS — OF THE — CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be offered on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to: www.usccb.org/catechism/text/



Mon, Feb 26

Tues, Feb 27

Wed, Feb 28

5:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 pm Building & Grounds Mtg

Faith Formation

K-6 6:10-7:10 pm

7-12 7:20-8:30 pm

7:00 pm Communal Penance

St. Patrick Church, Brooklyn

Thur, Mar 1

9:00 am - 8 :00 am Friday Adoration

Fri, Mar 2

7:45 am Benediction

5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat, Mar 3

10:30 am Communal Penance

St. Mary Church, Oskaloosa

4:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Mass

Sun, Mar 4

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

2:00 pm Communal Penance

St. Mary Church, Pella

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

New Parish Facility

Q & A

With the opening of our new parish facility some questions and concerns have been risen ranging from observations of the construction to policy for renting of the new facility. Below we will answer the two most common questions.

Question: When will the facility be available for rental?

Answer: The facility will soon be available for rental for large and small groups. The rental policy has been drafted and revised and at t the moment is being reviewed to make sure it adheres to diocesan policy and insurance guidelines. Once this has been complete, an announcement will be made to officially invite parishioners and outside groups to begin utilizing our new parish center.

Question: I noticed that “xyz “ is crooked, unfinished, not working, etc Can I fix it? Who do I speak to about fixing something?

Answer: Any questions or concerns regarding the church or our new parish facility should be directed to Jay in the parish office by either calling 641-236-7486 or email grinnellstmary@diodav.org. With the completion of our new facility, much of the work that has been done is currently under warranty. Having someone other than those who were contracted on the project come and work on any repairs or adjustments can void our warranty. So, with that in mind, it is imperative that there be a single line of communication between our parish and our contractor, and that line is Jay in the parish office. We appreciate having concerns about any flaws or adjustments to the facility brought to our attention so that we can have issues addressed quickly and efficiently.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding the new facility or the church, please contact Jay in the parish office. Thank you!



The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity for us to be good stewards of God' s gifts as we share with other Catholics our treasure and our blessings and show our love for one another. The ADA gives us the opportunity to act together as a family of faith and support the programs and services no single individual or parish can offer by themselves. Your gift is important. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal.



Hi all. I know some of you are wondering how I'm getting along. Well, the short answer is, I'm doing pretty well. I am much better than how many of you saw me on Ash Wednesday. Last Thursday AM I was admitted to the hospital for a bad infection in my foot. After a bit of surgery the infection was cleaned up and I felt much better. Now I'm receiving IV antibiotics and waiting for the incision to heal some more. The plan, right now, is that I'll come

home on Monday. Thank you to you all who have been praying for me and sent cards and flowers. I'll look forward to being back at Church on the first weekend of March.

Last weekend we ended the review of the Five Precepts of the Catholic Church. Do you remember them? 1. Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; 2. Confess your sins at least once a year; 3. Receive Holy Communion at least during Easter-time; 4. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence; 5. Support the needs of the Church.

Now we'll start a review of the Seven Deadly Sins. To begin with there are...seven of them. They are:

Pride Avarice Envy Wrath Lust Gluttony Sloth

More on these in the coming weeks.

Donor Wall Deadline

This is your last chance to let us know if the tile assigned to your family for the donor window accurately reflects your intentions. If you have not already laid eyes on your tile across the street or advised us of a requested change, please be sure to go to the REC after Mass and complete a change request form if appropriate. Otherwise, we will go into production on the Donor Window without feedback from you. Thanks to those of you who have looked at your tile and requested changes; you need not do this again.

"When, in your life of faith you are confronted with the deeper mysteries it is natural to become a little frightened. When this happens, take heart, faithful Christian. Do not raise objections, but ask with loving submission, 'How can these things be?' Let your question be a prayer, an expression of love and self-surrender to God. Let it be an expression of your humble desire not to penetrate his sublime majesty, but to find salvation through the saving deeds of God our Savior."

- Abbot William of Thierry, Vol. IV, p. 1778

Faith Formation



Contact Crystal DeNeve 236-8838
grinnellstmaryDRE@diodav.org

Upcoming Dates:

- • Wednesday, February 28—K-12 Classes (K-6 meet in the REC and JH and HS meet in the new facilities the rest of the year) same times as they have been.
- • Friday, March 2—Dessert Sale
- • Saturday/Sunday, March 3/4—Take and Bake prepare Meals for freezer (Money raised split equally
between Youth Activities AND the new Building Fundraiser
- • Wednesday, March 7—K-12 Classes
- • Sunday, March 11—Confirmation 2018 Prep
- • Sunday, March 11 – Communal Reconciliation
- • Wednesday, March 14—K-12 Classes
- • Saturday, March 17—First Eucharist Retreat (in the new facility)
- • Wednesday, March 21—K-12 Classes
- • Wednesday, March 28—NO Classes HOLY week

Adult Formation:

Women's Book study : Christopher West's book *Love is Patient but I'm Not* currently in progress. Keeping watching for details on a future one.

Follow Me: meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John currently progress. Keep watching for the next study to begin in the near future.

Check out our website for information about a Men 's Retreat and a Women 's Retreat both being offered by our Diocese in April.

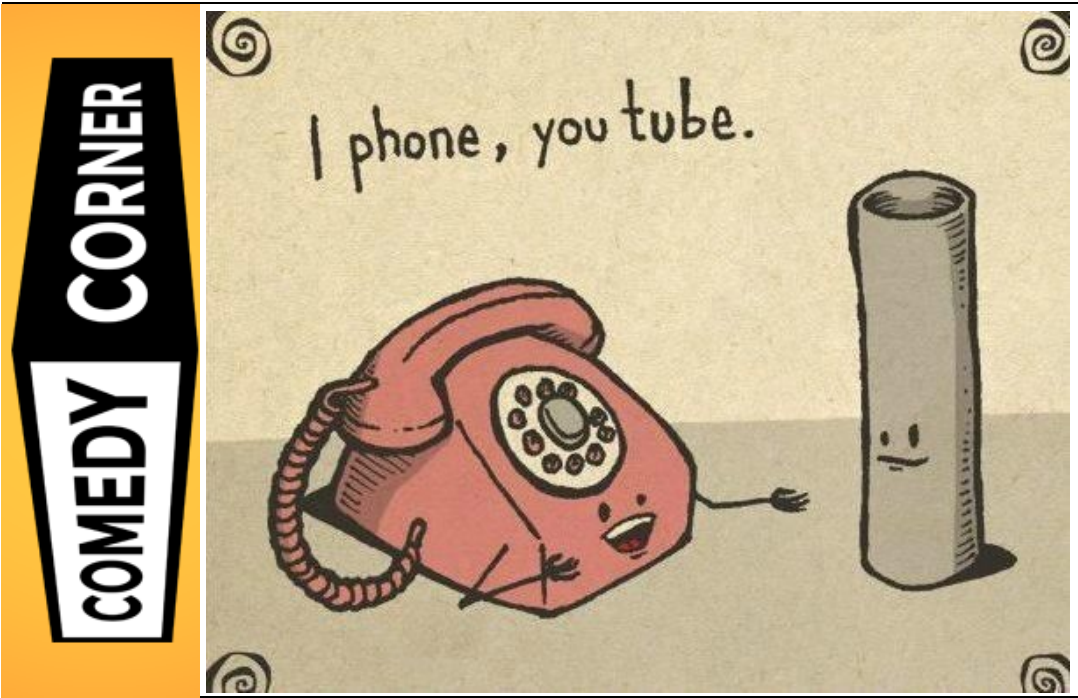
TAKE and BAKE Fundraiser—Please Turn your orders with payment into the Parish Office OR in a Collection Basket at Mass THIS WEEKEND (be sure to securely attach your payment or put in an envelope together)

See insert or St. Mary's webpage for more information.

We will need help preparing the meals the on Saturday, March 3rd, please let me know if you would be available.



**Dessert Sale Fundraiser during the Fish Fries—
We will need desserts and help, so check out the Sign Up Genius Link that can be found on our parish website.**



The O'Brien Vrba Scholarship

Who: Undergraduate juniors and seniors and graduate students. Candidates must be from rural areas of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa or Wisconsin. They must be full time students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

How much: \$3,000/year renewable for a second year.

When: Deadline is April 15, 2018.

Where: <https://www.scholarsapply.org/obrien/>

Contact:

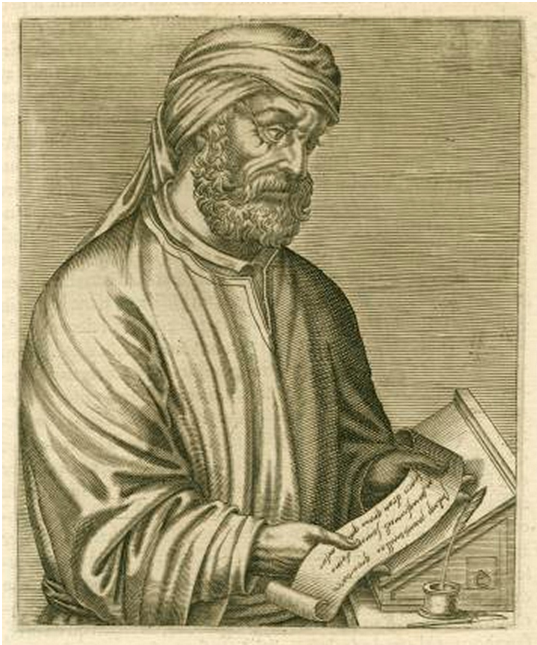
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*Additional consideration given to applicants of the Catholic faith.

Liturgical Roles for March 3 & 4

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Sacristan	Barb McCulley	Dennis Crawford	Jennifer Williams
Greeter	Michelle Otto	Steve/Beth Kenkel	Lee McFee Family
Ushers	Roger Flander	Shane Hart	Larry Kramer
	Mike Kriegel	Mark McLaughlin	Tom Kriegel
	Larry VanErsvelde	Jim Martes	Adam McFee
	Neal VanErsvelde	Marvin Waechter	Isaac McFee
Reader	Mary Shutts	Deb Molitor	Riley Osborne
Gifts	Michelle Otto Fam	Shane Hart Family	Matt Wolfe Family
Euch Ministers	Mike Hotchkin	Sheryl Bissen	Wendy Kramer
	Doris Hotchkin	Dennis Crawford	Lee McFee
		Renny Crawford	
		David Cunningham	
		John Dayton	
		Connis Dayton	
Servers	Nina Walton	Rebecca Crawford	Adam Gruman
	Libby Walton	Theresa Crawford	Ryan Gruman
		Matthew Cunningham	Sarah Jacoby



Tertullian is known as one of the early church fathers. He lived in the second and into the third century. He was born in the city of Carthage, the capital of the Carthaginian empire in present day Tunisia.

Both his father and mother were pagans. His father was a Roman Centurion. Tertullian was schooled in the knowledge of both Rome and Greece and was thought to be in the practice of law.

He eventually returned to Carthage when, sometime in his thirties or forties converted to Christianity.

"No one denies what everyone knows, for nature herself teaches it: that God is the Creator of the universe, and the it is good, and that it belongs to humanity by the free gift of its

Creator. But there is a vast difference between the corrupted state and the state of primal purity, just as there is a vast difference between Creator and the corruptor... We ourselves, though we're guilty of every sin, are not just a work of God: we're image. Yet we have cut ourselves off from our Creator in both soul and body. Did we get eyes to serve lust, the tongue to speak evil, ears to hear evil, a throat for gluttony, a stomach to be gluttony's ally, hands to do violence, genitals for unchaste excesses, feet for an erring life? Was the soul put in the body to think up traps, fraud, and injustice? I don't think so."

- Tertullian, p. 11



Every Friday during Lent

Serving from 5 - 6:30 pm
in the parish center

**Baked & Fried Fish, Baked Potato, Fries,
Macaroni & Cheese, Grilled Cheese
Sandwiches, Coleslaw & Beverages**

Adults: \$9 Children (5-14): \$4

4 & under: Free

Family: \$25

ALL YOU CAN EAT!



Greeters: With our new Gathering Spaces, the Liturgy Commission would like to clarify with all those who serve in the ministry as Greeters that you are asked to position your-

selves in the Lower Gathering area to greet all those coming to Mass. This position will allow you to greet persons coming in both entrances (parking lot and Broad Street entrance), point out the elevator and rest-rooms to those not familiar with our space, and be out of the congestion of those persons in the Upper Gathering space who may be conversing before going into the quiet area of the church.



2018 Lenten Luncheon Series: **Facing the Cross with Courage**

Sponsored by the Grinnell Ministerial Association

The services will begin at 12:10 P.M. Following each of the Wednesday services, there will be a light lunch at 12:30. A freewill offering (\$5 suggested) will be taken for the meal and the ongoing ministry of the Ministerial Association. On Good Friday, March 30, there will be an expanded time of worship and reflection. There will be no meal following the Good Friday service.

February 28 First Baptist Church

Rev. Dave Crow / *Courage in the Face of Betrayal*

March 7 St. Mary Catholic Church

Rev. Deana Shorb / *Courage in the Face of Accusation and Power*

March 14 St. John 's Lutheran Church

Fr. Ron Hodges / *Courage in the Face of Violence:*

March 21 United Methodist Church

Jenn Latham / *Courage in the Face of Abandonment:*

March 30 First Presbyterian Church

Dr. Dondrea Walker / *Courage in the Face of Death*



Please be sure to check the Sign Up Genius Link found on our website for the 24 hour Lenten Adoration Schedule.

Weekend Collection Report for February 17 & 18, 2018

Envelopes:	\$4,751.00
Children's Envelope:	\$0.26
WeShare:	\$446.01
Offertory:	\$103.00
Energy Needs:	\$3.00
Flower Envelope:	\$21.00
Deacons ' Fund:	\$1,184.26
Ash Wednesday:	\$1,041.00
Diocesan Cathedral:	\$70.00



BECAUSE FAITH WITHOUT PRAYER IS A HOBBY.

LENT ON CONSCIENCE

This Lent, make a *conscience* decision to hang around people who inspire you to holiness.

Invite them over for dinner. Ask them to coffee. Make room for them in your busy schedule.

Then, talk about what God is doing in your life. Ask them what he is doing in theirs. And take a moment to pray.

Your new friend (s) may just be your best help as we make our way, together, to Heaven.

Friends, be confident in Christ's mercy and love.

What is Best Lent Ever?

It's a **free email program** that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. Just direct your browser to: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>.



And for our younger members, they can go to <https://www.holyheroes.com/>

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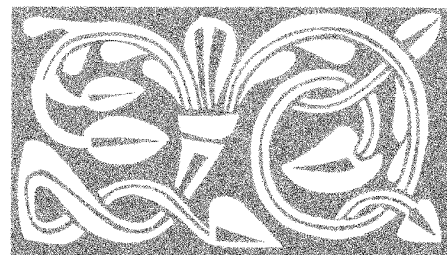
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Nicaragua. Like many young people in the farming communities of Nicaragua - especially women - Cesia had a hard time finding a job. So, with her mothers' support, she joined YouthBuild, a CRS program that teaches business and life skills like leadership and service.

Once very shy, Cesia is now a leader who has built a thriving business making and selling cattle feed. She dreams of expanding her business and leads workshops to help other young people in her community.

Cesias' mother encouraged her to pursue her dream of starting a business. How have your parents or other adults encouraged you? Give 50 cents or more to your Rice Bowl in honor of all mothers, fathers and caregivers.

REMEMBER: Yours Lenten sacrifices change lives.



From the Office of Social Action and Immigration:

Bishop Zinkula supports call-in campaign for Dreamers

By Barb Arland-Fye

The Catholic Messenger

All U.S. dioceses are being asked to participate in a national Catholic “Call-in Day to Congress” on Feb. 26 to express support for “Dreamers,” 1.8 million undocumented persons brought to the U.S. by their parents as children. Dreamers have established roots in the U.S.; it is home for them.

The call-in initiative escalates the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ efforts to find a legislative solution for Dreamers before a March 5 deadline that ends protection from deportation for the 800,000 Dreamers granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. DACA recipients may face deportation as soon as March 6 unless Congress reaches a bi-partisan deal to protect them and the Dreamers who already face deportation.

Bishop Thomas Zinkula endorsed the call-in campaign for Dreamers. “I join my brother bishops across the county in asking that the people of the Diocese of Denver call their congressional representatives on Monday, Feb. 26. The DACA recipients, those also known as Dreamers, now live in fear of deportation. They are members of our communities and our parish families. Please contact our senators and representatives to urge them to give Dreamers protection and a path to citizenship.”

Negotiations have stalled in Congress on a bill to protect Dreamers. Pending litigation has blocked the rescission of DACA, but the U.S. Supreme Court is likely to overturn that temporary order, according to the USCCB.

In a Feb. 12 letter, Bishop Joe Vasquez of Austin, Texas, urged the U.S. Senate to consider the following principles pertaining to a legislative solution to address Dreamers.

- Provide protection to the Dreamer population — “We agree with the proposal made by President Trump that protection should be given to the larger 1.8 million Dreamer population ... as there are many young people who were brought here as children but were prevented from obtaining DACA due to the program’s age cut-offs. We believe that this larger Dreamer population should be included in any legislative solution that the Senate takes up....”
- Provide a path to citizenship — “We agree with the proposal made by President Trump to afford relief to Dreamers that permits them to apply for U.S. citizenship. Most of these young people know the United States as their only home and should not be denied the opportunity to obtain U.S. citizenship and fully participate and integrate into American civic life....”
- Promote family unity and maintain the family-immigration system — “Family immigration is the foundation of our country and of our Church.... Upholding and protecting the family unit, regardless of its national origins or its size, is vital to our faith and to our country. We are deeply disturbed by proposals that provide relief for Dreamers at the expense of dismantling our country’s rich tradition of family reunification and sponsorship of close family members and ending the diversity visa program....”
- Protect the vulnerable who seek refuge — “A solution for Dreamers should not come at the expense of other vulnerable immigrants and refugees. It is vital to maintain existing protections for refugees, unaccompanied children, trafficking victims, and asylum seekers that help prevent abuse, ensure access to adequate care, and promote due process....”
- Ensure that all border security measures are humane and proportionate – The Catholic Church has long recognized the right of nations to secure their borders and control entry into their countries. At the same time, we believe that border security and interior immigration enforcement practices should be humane and proportionate; they should make the country safer, and they should not sacrifice the due process rights and human dignity of persons seeking protection.”

How to participate:

Call [855-589-5698](tel:855-589-5698) to reach the Capitol switchboard, and press 1 to connect to your U.S. senators. When you are connected to each senator’s office, please ask the person on the phone to deliver this message:

“I urge you to support a bipartisan, common-sense, and humane solution for Dreamers:

- Protect Dreamers from deportation and provide them a path to citizenship.
- Reject proposals that undermine family immigration or protections for unaccompanied children.
- As a Catholic, I know that families are not “chains,” but a blessing to be protected.
- Act now to protect Dreamers, our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Call [855-589-5698](tel:855-589-5698) a second time to reach the Capitol switchboard; press 2 to connect to your U.S. representative and repeat the message above.

Visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org to learn more about Dreamers and other ways to voice support.





Last weekend, those pictured above from St. Mary, were among the 61 catechumens and 58 candidates to participate in the Rite of Election at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Continue to keep all in your prayers!

Front Row: Melanie Thompson, Janet Koller, Rosemary Thompson, Lauren Thompson

Back Row" Ryan Thompson, Lee McFee, Rebecca Crawford, Theresa Crawford.



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Take and Bake

Pre-Order any of these delicious dishes by **Sunday, February 25th**. Meals will come frozen and available for you to **take home** after any of the Masses on **March 10/11th**. You can bake right away or save for another day.

This form and payment should be returned to St. Mary's Parish Office or to a collection basket with payment securely attached or placed in an envelope.

Monies raised will be split equally between St. Mary's Youth Activities Fund and the New Building Project.



Beef Pasta Bake \$18
(9x13 pan)

Chicken Pot Pie \$15
(10" pie)

Tuna Alfredo Casserole \$12
(8x8 pan)

Name:		Phone:	
Item	Qty	Cost Each	Total
Beef Pasta Bake		\$18	\$
Chicken Pot Pie		\$15	\$
Tuna Alfredo Casserole		\$12	\$
Grand Total Due			\$