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August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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Get to know your new priests: Vol. 5 - How do we pray?

Fr. Andrew Marr

As I was growing up my parents taught me the importance of praying on a daily basis. We would say our nightly prayers before going to bed. As I became a teenager that practice waivered and I didn't pray much other than before Mass, before a test, or before something I really wanted to happen. Even in the first few years of college I didn't have a consistent prayer life. At the beginning of the second year at University of South Dakota I met a few FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionaries and developed a friendship with them. They helped me form a prayer life and begin true discipleship with Jesus. It was through their guidance and with their assistance that I was able to remain consistent and build a foundation. Today many of those practices still remain with me. One of my favorite ways to pray is adoration. I hope that this will be a more regular practice in the future within the parish. For me it is a powerful opportunity to sit before the Lord and open my heart to him through personal prayer. Another way I pray is Lectio Divina, which is a method of reading sacred scripture. Another form of prayer that I like is Contemplative prayer. This prayer is primarily focused on one thing, an event in Jesus life, a way God showed his Love in the Bible, or something in our life and allowing God to guide us through that meditation. Finally, as a priest, intercessory prayer is very important. I pray for the needs of the people I know. I come in contact with someone and later I continue to pray for them. I also pray for the needs of the parish. I pray constantly that the Lord guide me through every decision I make that impacts the cluster and that I am following his will. These are the ways I pray. I hope this encourages you to also deepen your prayer life and strengthen your relationship with Christ. God bless.

Fr. Joseph Sevcik

A structured prayer life is essential if we really desire to grow in the spiritual life. Prayer helps us grow in depth in our relationship to God. Our relationship with God then informs our identity as a Disciple of Jesus. From our identity as a Beloved Disciple of Jesus, we then can come to know and joyfully accept the mission that God invites us to live. The foundational aspect of my prayer life is my daily Holy Hour. This is essential in order to keep me grounded in who I am called to be. Each morning I strive to wake up at 5:45am. I make coffee and then begin my Holy Hour. A Holy Hour is simply an hour of dedicated prayer time. It can be structured in various ways. Generally, I sit with a hot cup of coffee in my prayer chair in front of an icon of Jesus the Good Shepherd. A front room in the rectory serves as my prayer space in the house. Having a sacred space helps to limit distractions and allows me to enter more deeply into prayer, to strive to focus purely on God. For the first several minutes I simply sit in silence, striving to be disposed to the promptings of God and inviting the Holy Spirit to be present. When I have had enough silent meditation, I often then turn to Sacred Scripture. Recently I have been striving to live in the Daily Mass Readings. I want to live, think, and pray with what the whole Church is dwelling in. My Holy Hour is not meant to be a time for Homily Prep. So, instead of focusing on what to preach, I am more striving to listen to what Jesus is inviting me personally to realize in the scriptures. My Holy Hour needs to be quality time with God Himself. It's about living in relationship with Him, asking for greater faith, hope, and love. I might read the scripture passage two, three, six, or ten times. It all depends on the day. As the time progresses I will naturally turn to make intercessions for our various needs. I would love to talk to you sometime about your prayer life, whether it is great, or whether you feel dry and stuck. We can work on it. If you would be open to talking more about how you would like to grow in prayer, send me a message and let's get together!

We are thrilled to announce the beginning of a weekly Spanish Mass for the Archangels Cluster. Previously we celebrated Spanish Mass once per month, however, there has been a deep desire throughout the Cluster to build this community through a more frequent gathering. This ministry and community has great potential. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends. All are welcome, especially those who are learning Spanish either in school or on their own. Gracias a Dios!

Spanish Mass - Every Sunday - 7:00 PM - St. Patrick in Britt

Estamos encantados de anunciar el comienzo de una Misa en español semanal para el Grupo de Arcángel. Anteriormente celebramos la Misa en español una vez al mes, sin embargo, ha habido un profundo deseo en todo el grupo de Arcángel de construir esta comunidad a través de una reunión más frecuente. Este ministerio y comunidad tiene un gran potencial. Por favor, difunda la palabra a sus vecinos y amigos. Todos son bienvenidos, especialmente aquellos que están aprendiendo español ya sea en la escuela o por su cuenta.

Misa en Español - Cada Domingo - 7:00 PM - San Patricio en Britt

Mass Intentions: Please submit your request accompanied by the forms available at your parish or online. Once the form is completed you can drop it in a plain white envelope (also available in the parish) in the collection basket or mail to the Cluster Business office. These forms give you the guidelines, rules and cost of the request along with the information needed. We will not be able to schedule Masses requested without the form. If you have trouble locating the forms call your Parish Liaison (listed on the front of the bulletin) and they will be happy to help you. Our Northern Parishes are in need of Mass Intentions.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH LIAISON VOLUNTEER POSITION OPEN

St. Boniface is looking for someone to fill the Parish Liaison position. This position has been held by Jacki Young for the past couple of years. If you are interested or would like to know more about the position please contact:

Fr. Marr 641-923-2329 or
Jacki Young 641-923-2019.

Cluster Calendar of Events

Thursday, August 27

6:00 PM

FC FF Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 3

6:30 PM

Cigrand Hall, FC Cluster Liturgy Meeting

Thursday, September 17

6:30 PM

FC Cluster Pastoral Council

Who do you say that I am?

That is a question that is asked by Jesus to the Apostles. But it isn't just asked to them it is asked to us. Yes with our lips we can say that Jesus is the Christ and we can know it in our minds but do we believe it in our hearts. It is a question that is asked to us every day in small ways. How do we believe, not just with our heads, but with our hearts that Jesus is the Christ? A simple way to check is to ask, Have I prayed today? Did I entrust what was happening today to Jesus? Did I make a point to spend some time with God or did I set God aside for today? If I am being honest, there are days that get away from me. At the end of the day I feel worn out and as I check in I realize I didn't spend time throughout the day in prayer. I prayed but I wasn't focused on Jesus or on God enough throughout the day, and I tried to do things by myself. The same can be true for all of us. If we haven't prayed since last Sunday, we may feel worn out or tired. Sometimes all we need is a little reminder of who is Lord of our life. We all have the struggle of keeping Jesus held in that place of "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We are all like Peter. We profess this and then we falter. But the great news about Peter and about us, is that we never give up. We are always striving to hold Jesus in his rightful place and keep our hearts focused on him. Peter never gave up, but he also continued to stumble and get back up. We too, must continue to strive throughout our life, and may we say with Peter, "You are the Christ" the Lord of my life.

We will publish stewardship on a quarterly basis with explanation to help everyone understand what they are looking at and to encourage a more consistent stewardship of each parish and the cluster as a whole. Our financial giving is only one aspect of how we are doing and our weekly reporting can have unintended consequences. Let us prayerfully consider how we are called to give of what we have received.



Let's talk Live Streaming - Whether we stream from our homes, or gather in groups at Church, this is a new way to have folks near and far join in on the conference. Be sure to let your friends and family from all over know about this opportunity.

Go to the Christ Our Life website Christourlifeiowa.com to :

- BUY A TICKET ONLINE: for IN PERSON attendance OR STREAMING participation option
- Check the COVID PRECAUTIONS being implemented
- See LIST OF SPEAKERS for the 2020 Conference

Follow the Christ Our Life FB page and Share information with those on your FB Posts & share the Website Christourlifeiowa.com

Contact the Cluster COL GO-TO Person, Regina Adams at 641-592-9811 or regina.adams592@gmail.com for more information.

In loving memory of Hilda Greiman

Aug. 10, 2020

Mother-in-law of
Terri Greiman.

Please pray for the
Greiman Family.



MOVING

Effective Monday,
August 24th - all
Cluster and parish
mail should be
addressed to the
Cluster or parish at
906 W. O Street in
Forest City, IA 50436.



With the Cluster Office moving to Forest City we will be needing **volunteer counters**. The counters will be needed Monday mornings in Forest City. If interested please call or email the Business Manager Cheryl Hawe at 641-923-2329 ext. 2 or cherylh@archangelscc.org.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 24

Forest City 8:00 AM † For the Departed

Tuesday, August 25

Duncan 8:00 AM † Anna Lou Wille
Forest City 5:30 PM † Neil L. Schissel

Wednesday, August 26

Lake Mills 5:15 PM Dennis Van Gorkum - Healt
Britt 5:30 PM † Ron Nedved

Thursday, August 27

Forest City 8:00 AM † For the Departed
Garner 12:00 PM † Deacon Dennis Popowski

Friday, August 28

Britt 8:00 AM † Cletus & Adeane Hejlik

Saturday, August 29

Duncan 4:00 PM For the People
Forest City 4:00 PM † Norbert Pint
Britt 6:00 PM † Hempe-Kopacek Families
Buffalo Center 6:15 PM † For the Departed

Sunday, August 30

Britt 8:00 AM † Dean Doughan
Lake Mills 8:30 AM † Denise Schreiner
Garner 10:00 AM † Louie & Bernie Hawe
Forest City 10:30 AM † Ed Dean
Britt (Spanish) 7:00 PM † For the Departed

Mass times, events and announcements can also be found on
www.archangelscc.org/calendar

Beginning on Friday, August 21st, Daily Mass at St. Patrick in Britt will be at 8:00 AM. We are grateful for our good attendance at Daily Masses and hope to see as many of you as possible there!

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Duncan 7:30 AM
Forest City 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Britt 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Garner 12:30 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Duncan 3:00 PM
Forest City 3:00 PM
Britt 5:30 PM
Buffalo Center 5:45 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Britt 7:30 AM
Lake Mills 8:00 AM
Garner 9:30 AM
Forest City 10:00 AM
Britt (Span./Eng.) 6:30 PM

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3:00 PM, Fridays
unless noted on page 2

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Contact Fr. Marr if Interested.



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

Visit archangelscc.org and click on "Registration" under the Faith Formation tab.

Please help us welcome our new director of FF - Paul Schoneman!



From Paul Schoneman - FF Director

As your new Director of Faith Formation, I want you to know I am looking forward to serving our youth and their families. I officially started work on August 4th and I am routinely in the business office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I will also be working on Wednesday evenings when Faith Formation is being held. This position has been full time for the past several years, but has been reduced to a halftime position.

Father Marr and I have met and agreed that September 23rd will be the first night of Faith Formation classes. This allows us some needed planning time during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are reviewing safety guidelines, which will be shared soon. At this point, our procedures will reflect what our local school districts are doing to handle COVID-19.

Please keep in mind - dates and procedures may change quickly during this pandemic. The Archdiocese leadership is sharing information routinely with us. More information will be shared next week, so please stay tuned to this part of the bulletin.

Thank you, and God bless!

REGISTER your children for faith formation as by September 2nd - it makes the process of planning for the year a lot easier for our staff by getting a head count of our students.

If you have any interest in becoming a catechist this year, we ask that you prayerfully consider it and contact Paul Schoneman by calling the cluster business office.

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