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September 6, 2020 ***23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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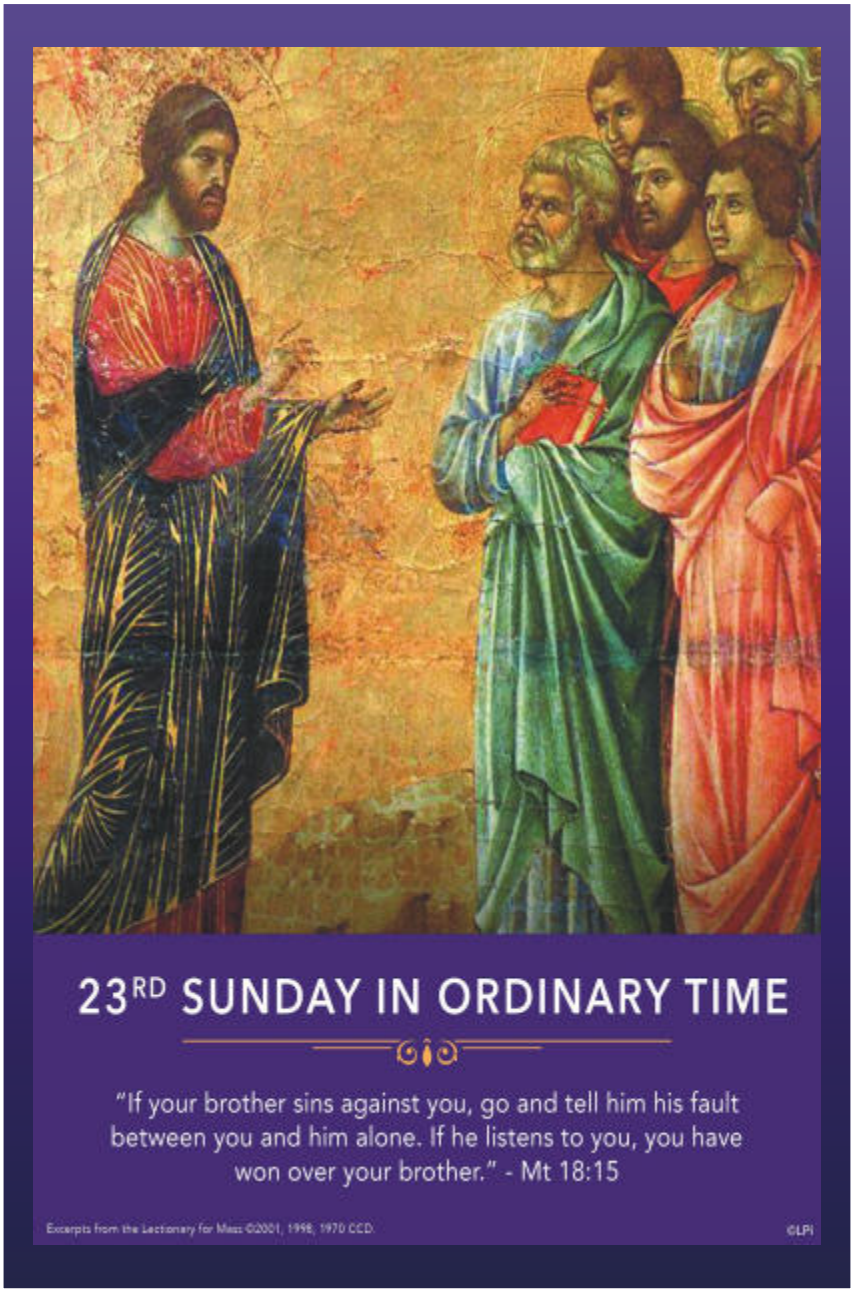

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From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Gospel Reflection

I have often puzzled over why it is so easy to slip into gossip. Why do I feel compelled at times to simply speak ill of others? Even if what I say about them is true, is it in any way helpful or necessary? Does it build our community, or does it sow division?

As humans, we are created in the image and likeness of God. This means, in part, that we have the capacity for logical thought, self-reflection, and speech. Our ability to speak is one of the distinctive factors that makes us like God. Jesus is the Word of the Father (cf. Jn 1:1). Words are important. When we use our ability to speak in gossip or slander, we are using the great gift that God gave us for divisive rather than unifying purposes.

Our Gospel this week comes from Matthew 18:15-20. In it we learn the Christian response for bringing about reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. When we are sinned against, many of us tend to avoid conflict. However, this avoidance often becomes our sin, because it leads us to act out against this person in another setting, quietly rupturing our real communal unity. Unfortunately, our being sinned against often leads us to sin.

How are we to respond as Christians? Read our Gospel passage. Go directly, quietly, and humbly to the person who has sinned against us. Be concerned about the truth of the matter, not wounded pride. Bring a couple others, but only if the private meeting bore no fruit. It always helps to proceed in love and humility recognizing that we too have sinned and received Christ's mercy. Fundamental to our identity as Christians is to be instruments of reconciliation.

Christ Our Life Conference, Sept 26 & 27 - ONLY THREE weeks away! Get your tickets now!
Christ Our Life Conference 2020 has two options: attend physically ($25/$15 youth) or virtually by livestream ($25/$15 youth). In person attendance is limited to 3,000 and social spacing procedures are being implemented to ensure safety for everyone.

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 implemented
- See LIST OF SPEAKERS for the 2020 Conference

Get creative with the Live Streaming - stream from homes, or gather in groups at Church, this is a new way to join in on the conference. Follow the Christ Our Life FB page & share the Website Christourlifeiowa.com

Contact the Cluster Christ Our Life GO-TO Person, Regina Adams at 641-592-9811 or regina.adams592@gmail.com for more information. Thank you, and God Bless.

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MOVE

As of August 24th - please send all Cluster and parish mail to our new business office at 906 W. O St in Forest City, IA 50436.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH LIAISON VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

St. Boniface needs 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, please contact:

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

CDA Court Isabella #642 will meet on **Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM** in the **St. Boniface Church** for an informational gathering and to pray the Rosary.

Members, please bring your rosary with you. We will be social distancing, two to a pew.

St. James, Forest City
Fr. Andrew Marr

Vincent Pierce Lohry

August 25, 2020

Child of
Weston & Elizabeth Lohry

Godparents
Kyle & Katie Pedersen
Proxies: Randal Pedersen
& Ronda Pedersen

St. Boniface, Garner
Fr. Andrew Marr

Matthew David Berns

August 30, 2020

Child of
Michael & Megan Berns

Godparents
Jordan Vande Vorde
&
Andrea Berns

Cluster Calendar of Events

Monday, September 14
6:30 PM **G** CDA Court Isabell #642 Meeting

Thursday, September 17
6:00 PM **FC** Cluster Pastoral Council

Thursday, September 24
6:30 PM **FC** FF Commission Meeting

Join the Faith Journey

Are you curious about the Catholic Church?

Perhaps you are even considering entering the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program.

We will be exploring the beauty, depth, history and mysteries of the Catholic Faith. Classes will be offered through the Archangel Catholic Cluster. An open heart is the only cost.

We will be starting in September. The time and location will be determined based on the interest of the majority of the participants.

Don't miss the journey! Call Dawn at 641-860-1398

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

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!

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

In Loving Memory of

Ann E. Machacek
August 30, 2020

In Loving Memory of

Beverly J. Diemer
August 27, 2020

Mother-in-Law of
Renee Diemer
of Britt

From the Pastor

I know there have been a lot of changes that have happened in a short period of time in the past seven weeks, and I want to express my gratitude for the parishes' willingness to adapt. It is hard to believe that we are only celebrating our 8th weekend here in the parishes. It is amazing how much has been accomplished in that short amount of time. I want to thank all those who have helped and encouraged me through these past seven weeks. We are beginning to hit our stride, and we will be continuing to make a few changes and encourage everyone to deepen their relationship with Christ and to grow in discipleship with him.

I also want to encourage people to call us or email us about prayers, blessings, sacramental anointings. We strive to be available and accessible to everyone. I also want to encourage people to feel free to stop by the new offices in Forest City. All of us are moved in, and we are busy about doing the work of the Cluster.

Just this past week, I ended up stopping at a parishioner's house because I noticed they were outside. Two hours later, I was on my way home. My hope is that encounters like this will not be out of the ordinary but become something that happens every week. These seven weeks have been an adventure and I look forward to seeing where Christ continues to lead us as his flock.
On a celebratory note, I want to congratulate the First Communicants from Britt that celebrated their First Communion on Thursday night this past week. It was a wonderful celebration and one that I know I won't forget.

Many blessings to you as we celebrate Labor Day Weekend.

Fr. Andrew Marr

Youth Ministry Faith Formation
Back to School Special = Faith & Reason

September 13, 2020 Sunday 6-8 p.m.

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✢ To encourage young people to grow in their commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.

Deepen your Prayer Experience
Come and Learn

Liturgy of the Hours
September 20, 2020
Sunday 7-8 p.m.
St. James in Forest City

All students, parents, grandparents, young adults, adults.
✹ To learn a new form of prayer and to deepen your experience of Jesus Christ.
✹ To encourage all people to grow in their commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 7			
Forest City	8:00 AM	✝	For the Departed
Tuesday, September 8			
Duncan	8:00 AM	✝	Frank & Rose Formanek
Forest City	5:30 PM	✝	Rita L. Schissel
Wednesday, September 9			
Lake Mills	5:15 PM	✝	For the Departed
Britt	5:30 PM	✝	For the Departed
Thursday, September 10			
Garner	12:00 PM	✝	Arlene L. Schmidt
Waldorf (Students Only)	8:00 PM		Priest Intentions
Friday, September 11			
Britt	8:00 AM	✝	Rudy Hildman
Saturday, September 12			
Duncan	4:00 PM	✝	Darlene, Cathy, & Jonathan Tusha
Forest City	4:00 PM	✝	Norbert Pint
Britt	6:00 PM	✝	Bernard Nedved
Buffalo Center	6:15 PM	✝	John Paul Burke
Sunday, September 13			
Britt	8:00 AM	✝	Dean Weiland
Lake Mills	8:30 AM	✝	Paul Sorenson
Garner	10:00 AM		For the People
Forest City	10:30 AM	✝	Ryan Sanner
Britt (Spanish)	7:00 PM	✝	For the Departed

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

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	
Duncan	7:30 AM
Forest City	5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	
Britt	5:00 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	
Garner	11:30 AM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	
Duncan	3:30 PM
Forest City	3:30 PM
Britt	5:30 PM
Buffalo Center	5:45 PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	
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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Questions?
Call 641-923-2329 Ext. 1
to speak with Brenda

Low Gluten hosts are now **available** in the Archangels Catholic Cluster
Contact Fr. Marr if Interested.

FAITH FORMATION

From Paul Schoneman - FF Director

I have learned a great deal in my first month as FF Director. As you may know, the Cluster Business Office has moved to Forest City where the rectory used to be, which is also where my office is located. It is great to have all of our staff in the same location, and our priests are doing a great job at promoting a positive culture and climate. The most common question I am asked is “what does a Faith Formation Director do?”

In short - I supervise the personnel and programming of Faith Formation: Kindergarten through Adult. This includes our Youth Minister, RCIA Coordinators and Site Coordinators. We have five site coordinators - one for each parish (Garner & Duncan are combined). Site Coordinators are critically important members of our Cluster, since they are local personnel that work hard at hiring our Catechists and getting them the curriculum needed. They open and close each site on FF nights and manage the activities. I also work closely with our Archangels Cluster FF Commission - this committee meets on a regular basis to promote a quality FF program. They listen and advise to promote discipleship in our Christian Faith. I just want every parishioner to know that our entire team enjoys helping all of us grow in our faith in Jesus Christ!

God Bless,

Paul Schoneman

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!

FAITH FORMATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 23rd - Please REGISTER your children ASAP!! We are looking forward to the FF year!

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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