To people going to NCYC 2019: I recommend going to all of the sessions that you possibly can. Each session will move you in a different way you never thought was possible and it will bring you closer to God in almost every way.” -Mary Rockwell, 11th grade participant.

St. Patrick, Lake Mills: Anyone wishing to purchase an angel in memory of a loved one for our “Angel Tree”, please contact Mary Sorenson (592-6575) or Mary Peterson (592-3240) by December 13.

St. Patrick, Lake Mills: Parish life, is having a “Giving Tree” again this year. We have the opportunity to help two needy families in our area for Christmas. Please take a tag from the tree and return with it your gift by Sunday, December 17. Thank you for your generosity. Questions, contact Mary Peterson at (592-3240)

Second Sunday of Advent: Mark 1:2-3
It is written in the prophet Isaiah: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

St. Patrick, Lake Mills: Please continue to save your cash register receipts from David’s Super Foods and Bill’s Family Foods. Place them in the container at church. Thank you.

Spanish Mass
There will be a Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12 at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph in Wesley.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Help religious communities. “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enable our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Christ our Life —Save the Date: September 29 -30, 2018. Speakers include Bishop Robert Baron, Renée Bondi & Magnus MacFarlane Barrow.

Bulletin deadlines for December: Due to the holidays our printers have different deadlines for the bulletin. Please note the following dates and times that we would need your bulletin notes by.
• December 14 @ 2:00 PM for Bulletin December 24
• December 19 @ 2:00 PM for Bulletin December 31.
Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

The Cluster Business office is closed on:
• Friday, December 15
• Friday, December 22
• Monday, December 25 for Christmas.
• Friday, December 29
• Monday, January 1, for the New Years.
Please plan accordingly.

Donations for 2017:
Deadline to drop off donations at the cluster business office is 3:00 PM on December 28. Donations made into the collections on Saturday, December 30 and Sunday December 31, will be credited on December 31 for your account. However, deposited in your parish bank account in January 2018 business.

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St. Boniface, Garner
Budget $1,865.00
Other Collections $972.00
$2,837.00
Budget Needed Weekly $2726.00 ($861.00)
YTD Over/Short $7,360.18

St. Wenceslaus, Duncan
Budget $2,930.00
Other Collections $413.00
$3,343.00
Budget Needed Weekly $970.00 $1,960.00
YTD Over/Short $16,078.43

St. Patrick, Britt
Budget $4,221.00
Other Collections $407.00
$4,628.00
Budget Needed Weekly $2138.00 $2,083.00
YTD Over/Short $6,013.11

St. James, Forest City
Budget $2,353.00
Other Collections $407.00
$2,760.00
Budget Needed Weekly $1705.00 $648.00
YTD Over/Short $10,868.47

St. Patrick, Lake Mills
Budget $1,260.00
Other Collections $172.00
$1,432.00
Budget Needed Weekly $701.00 $559.00
YTD Over/Short $6,008.14

St. Patrick, Buffalo Center
Budget $2,125.00
Other Collections $11.00
$2,136.00
Budget Needed Weekly $416.00 $1,709.00
YTD Over/Short $7,858.00

From the desk of Fr. Jim

During Advent, I want to advocate two specific activities for all parishioners. First, that dedications of new hymnals be one way you can give a Christmas gift this year. The Cluster has many new (never used) hymnals available to give as a dedication. The form for dedication is available on the Archangels Catholic Cluster website (www.archangelscc.org). Just download the form, fill it out, and send the filled form to the Cluster Business office in Garner and a hymnal will be dedicated. You can pick it up at your parish at the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass, and use it during that Mass. But remember, the hymnal stays in the parish. You can’t take it home.

Secondly, Advent is a season of penance. Again, this year regular times of confession are available (see listing in this bulletin) and one communal reconciliation service will be held on Sunday December 17 at 4:00 PM at St. Patrick in Britt. Please take advantage of this sacrament this Advent.

RCIA—Expand and strengthen your faith of what the Catechism of the Catholic Church really teaches, each Wednesday from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. This week’s class, December 13, the discussion will be: “The Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick”

Cookie Walk: - Thursday, December 14, is the Annual Cookie Walk at the Garner Library from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. We ask that each Faith Formation family donate 4 dozen holiday cookies for this fundraiser. Although we appreciate all the cookie donations we receive, we’d really like to see more of your special Christmas cookies rather than the traditional chocolate chip and peanut butter kiss cookies. Your cookies should be dropped off on Wednesday, December 13, at the Library from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. All the money raised stays in the Garner/Duncan Faith Formation programs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Helpers are needed at the Library for set-up on Wednesday, December 13, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM and during the Cookie Walk on Thursday, December 14, from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Please contact Daisy Huffman at 641-425-2800 if you would be able to help either night.

Tins can be dropped off at the Faith Formation office on Wednesday class nights from 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on, up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Feb. 9-11 @ Ankeny, Mar. 9-11 @ La Crosse, Apr. 20-22 @ Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLwwme08@Gmail.com

DAILY MASS CANCELLATIONS: In the event that school is delayed or cancelled, due to weather conditions, the morning and noon Masses will be cancelled for the day unless weather condition allows Fr. to get there. In Garner and Forest City, the priest will still celebrate Mass and if travel is safe, welcome you to join them. Use good common sense. If school is cancelled or dismissed early due to weather conditions, the daily afternoon Masses at Duncan, Forest City, Lake Mills and Britt will be cancelled. Cancellation will be posted on the web site, for afternoon daily Masses. For Funerals, only if the Mass is in the same parish as the Funeral.

GET A TEXT FOR MASS CANCELLATIONS
The feature works just like Faith Formation; To sign up – send a text message to 641-243-4343 – type your parish code below as the message – Respond to the follow-up messages (this is text only no voicemail). Each parish has as its own code:
Britt type: wcnbr
Duncan type: wcand
Garner type: wcang
Buffalo Center type: wcanbc
Forest City type: wcanfc
Lake Mills type: wcanlm
**LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 11**  
Forest City (Fr. P) 7:30 AM †Mary Ann Hammond  
Duncan (Fr. J) 5:30 PM †Clara Formanek

**Tuesday, December 12**  
Forest City (Fr. J) 5:30 PM †Clarence Chizek

**Wednesday, December 13**  
Lake Mills (Fr. P) 5:15 PM †For the Departed  
Britt (Fr. J) 5:30 PM †Charles Ward

**Thursday, December 14**  
Forest City (Fr. P) 7:30 AM †Marie Leonard  
Garner (Fr. J) 12:00 PM †Ron Kumsher

**Friday, December 15**  
Concord (Fr. P) 9:00 AM †Delores Pruchua  
Britt (Fr. J) 12:00 PM †Harold & Marcia Thill

**Saturday, December 16**  
Duncan (Fr. P w/DP*) 4:00 PM †Peter Thul Family  
Buffalo Center (Fr. J) 6:15 PM †Matthew Niess

**Sunday, December 17**  
Britt (Fr. P w/DP*) 8:00 AM †Thomas & Ione McPhillips  
Lake Mills (Fr. P w/DB) 8:30 AM For the People  
Garner (Fr. P w/DP*) 10:00 AM †Arlene Smidt  
Forest City (Fr. J) 10:30 AM †Tony Villela Jr.  
Britt (Fr. J) 4:00 PM Communal reconciliation

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

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**RECONCILIATION**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
Duncan 4:30 PM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
Forest City 4:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
Britt 5:00 PM

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
Duncan 3:00 PM  
Buffalo Center 5:45 PM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
Britt 7:15 AM  
Lake Mills 7:45 AM  
Garner 9:30 AM  
Forest City 10:00 AM  
Britt 4:00 PM

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**Bulletin Deadline:**  
3:00 PM, Mondays  
Unless noted on page 2

**Bulletin Editor:**  
Louise Asbe

Email items to, LouiseL@archangelscc.org

Questions?  
Call 923-2329 to speak with Louise.

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## Faith Formation Happenings

### Cluster Faith Formation Commission Mission Statement.
We are Called - Formed - Sent

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### Faith Formation Advent/Christmas Programs:

*All Parishioners are welcome to attend these events.*

- **Lake Mills:** Dec. 17 - Sun - Christmas Program following 8:30 AM Mass
- **Buffalo Center:** Dec. 20 - Wed - 7:00 PM - *Symbols of Christmas*
- **Forest City:** Dec. 20 - Wed - 6:00 PM - *The Christmas Carol...Special Report*
- **Garner/Duncan:** Dec 20 - Wed - 6:30 PM - A Little Bit of Christmas Magic
- **Britt:** Dec. 20 - Wed—6:45 PM - Class Activities and Caroling, Christmas songs and poems.

### Cluster Catechist’s Retreat:
A Retreat time is planned for All Catechists, Sunday, January 7 from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at the Majopa Conference Center in Forest City. Mary Pederson, from the Archdiocesan Adult Formation Office will conduct the Retreat. Fr. Dubert will also address the catechists.

### FORMED.org - Pick of the Week—Audio

- **Prepare the Way of the King** by Dr. Scott Hahn, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herold. Our advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

### FORMED Advent Scripture Reflections also available

- **Opening the Word: Advent through Christmas, Year B** - offering prayer and insight for the Sunday Readings