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Mon-Fri 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Third Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." – Mt 11:4-5





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3rd Sunday of Advent

The last day to make a 2016 contribution is, Friday, December 30. Since the business office closes at 12:00 noon, please have any contributions in no later than that. Any items dropped off after that time will be counted in the January 1, 2017 collection. Please plan accordingly.

Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be the weekend of December 10-11. Your donations work for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95% of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious" a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please support this collection and give to those who have given a lifetime.

The January 14, 2017 Midwest March for life has been cancelled. They will be replacing the January event with a vigil in the Capitol rotunda March 30, 2017. Stay tuned for details.

LADIES NIGHT OUT! St. James Council of Catholic Women announce their Christmas party. Monday, December 12, 6:00 PM, at Cigrand Hall, St. James, Forest City. Soup supper, fellowship, entertainment, cookie exchange, ALL IN ONE NIGHT!!! Bring 3 dozen Christmas cookies packaged in lots of 6 to exchange. Bring an item to donate to the Food Bank (canned goods or paper products). All St. James ladies are invited. For further information contact Cindy Mary, 641-585-2082.



Sympathy

Charlie Ward December 6, 2016 Parishioner of St. Patrick, Britt



Sympathy

Eugene Muff November 29, 2016 Brother of Ben Muff Uncle of Dan Muff



Sympathy

Marilyn T. Meinecke December 1, 2016

> Sister of Don Meinecke



<u>Baptism</u>

 $\mathcal{B}y$ Rev. James Dubert at St. Boniface, Garner December 4, 2016

Sofie Jo Lynch

Daughter of Richard & Rachel Lynch Godparents are Caleb Ruppert and Kathleen Hill, Proxy, Jessica Rance



The deadline for the items for the December 25 bulletin, need to be in by December 14, for the January 1 bulletin have items in by December 20. All by 3:00 PM on the dates listed.

Our hymnal campaign will soon end. But, you still have time, please complete the form and send the form and funds, checks made payable to Archangels Catholic Cluster, to 660 Bush Ave., Garner, IA 50438

	Maximum Needed	Dedica- tions as of 12-5-16	% Covered
Britt	350	98	28%
Buffalo	100 250	77	77%
Duncan		135	54%
Forest City	225	131	58%
Garner	370	180	49%
Lake Mills	125	98	78%
Waldorf	50	50	100%

St Patrick Lake Mills: The Christmas program and Christmas Party will follow Mass on Sunday, December 18th. All are invited.

St. James, Forest City: The Christmas program will be, Wednesday, December 21, at 5:30 PM. Parents are asked to bring Christmas goodies to share. All are welcome.



Cluster Calendar of Events

Monday, December 12

6:30 PM **D** - Bible Study.

6:30 PM **G** - CDA meeting in the Church Hall.

Tuesday, December 13

6:30 PM FC - Bible Study.

Thursday, December 15

1:00 PM G - Bible Study.

Monday, December 19

D - No Bible Study. 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 20

6:30 PM FC - No Bible Study.

Thursday, December 22 1:00 PM <u>G</u> - No Bible Study.

Monday, December 26

6:30 PM D - No Bible Study.

Tuesday, December 27

6:30 PM FC - No Bible Study.

Thursday, December 29

1:00 PM G - No Bible Study.

WEEKLY TOTALS- DECEMBER 4, 2016

St. Bonifa	ıce,	<u>Garner</u>
Budget	\$	9,146.00
Other Collections	\$	245.78
	\$	9,391.78

Budget Needed

Weekly \$3,846.00 \$ 5,300.00

YTD Over/

Short \$ (18,049.91)

St. Wences	laus,	<u>Duncan</u>
Budget	\$	1,420.00
Other Collections	\$	148.50
	\$	1.568.50

Budget Needed

Weekly \$1,865.00 \$ (445.00)

YTD Over/

Short \$ (7,173.45)

St. Patrick, Britt

Budget	\$ 4,465.00
Other Collections	\$ 425.50
	\$ 4,890.50

Budget Needed

Weekly \$3,269.00 \$ 1,196.00

YTD Over/

Short \$ (19,474.02)

St. James, Forest City

Budget	\$ 2,034.00
Other Collections	\$ 771.91
	\$ 2,805.91

Budget Needed

Weekly \$2,500.00 \$ (466.00)

YTD Over/

Short \$ (5,277.21)

St. Patrick, Lake Mills

Short	\$ (960.20)
YTD Over/	
Budget Needed Weekly \$962.00	\$ 1,328.00
	\$ 2,399.64
Other Collections	\$ 109.64
Budget	\$ 2,290.00

St. Patrick. Buffalo Center

Budget	\$ 740.00
Other Collections	\$ _
	\$ 740.00
Budget Needed Weekly \$702.00 YTD Over/	\$ 38.00
Short	\$ 143.00

From the Desk of Deacon Dennis Popowski Praise the Lord our God from Whom all blessings Flow!!!

I have been informed that a baby born pre-mature may have more medical problems. I was born before seven months at 4lbs. 12oz. and was in an incubator for a couple weeks. Later in the first year I went into convulsions and my Grandpa said " bury him." My Mother took me to the Hospital and all turned out well. At age four I had to have my appendix removed. When I was a junior in High School I came down with Rheumatoid Arthritis for six weeks. It moves around in your body and makes your joints and flesh swell up with pain. One does not want it to stay in one area very long as it will cause extensive damage. It took 13 aspirins a day and went dormant after 6 weeks. Nine years ago I came down with the Guillian-Barre' Syndrome in which the insulation on the nerves is damaged and removed. It becomes a paralyzing disorder in which I lost my legs, feet, hands and arms resulting in no strength or mobility. I could not floss my teeth, write my name, or walk very well. It can go into lungs or other organs. People do die from it. Prayers were answered. I was treated with a high dose intravenous immune globulins and it stopped the destruction of my body. It was an answer to prayer that I recovered as well as I did. Two years ago I was diagnosed with Osteoporosis of the lower back that ties your back and hips together with low bone density as a result. I am on medication for it.

March 19th of this year the Rheumatoid Arthritis came back to haunt me. It took a long time before it was figured out. The Mayo Clinic team of the Pulmonary (lung) and the Arthritic Department diagnosed what was happening. I have what is called Interstitial Lung Disease caused by Episodic Rheumatoid Arthritis. This is the 2nd case that the main lung doctor has seen. It has damaged both lungs so I had only 58% breathing capacity. I was put on medicine to take down inflammation. I unbelievably increased to 67% in three months' time!!! The Arthritic Doctor said my RA factor is very high, plus it's rare that being Episodic it can come and go. Five weeks ago the deep coughing and times when I would cough my guts out quit. But a week later it came back into my joints. It first came to my hips, shoulders, arms, then to my hands and wrists. Two separate nights I was kept awake with severe pain. They swell up half again as big and feel like being stabbed with a twisted fork. X-rays show no damage of concern to the joints. Thank God for the last 12 days the Episodic Rheumatoid Arthritis is at rest!!! I am also on a medication to keep it at bay. I have prayed for endurance. My wife and many of you are praying the "Mary Mediatrix of All Graces" prayers for healing and a miracle. Thanks and praise to God and thank you to all for your prayers. Prayers are powerful and very much appreciated!!!!



FAITH FORMATION Upcoming Events.		
12/12/2016	Mon	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
		Day
12/14/2016	Wed	Class - Practice LM; Reconciliation
		G/D 12th Grade.
12/18/2016	Sun	Christmas Program LM
12/21/2016	Wed	Christmas Program BC, FC
12/28/2016	Wed	No Classes—Break
1/4/2017	Wed	Local Parish Catechist Meeting/
		Prep time
1/8/2017	Sun	Cluster & Catechist Prayer
		Retreat.

Faith Formation Calendar - A full calendar is available on the Archangels Cluster website, under the Faith Formation tab.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

Christmas EveChristmas Day4:00 PM, St. Patrick, BrittMidnight, St. James, Forest City4:00 PM, St. James, Forest City8:30 AM, St. Patrick, Lake Mills6:00 PM, St. Wenceslaus, Duncan10:00 AM, St. Boniface, Garner6:15 PM, St. Patrick, Buffalo Center



A great way to find announcements and any last-minute changes is on our Facebook page. Go to Archangels Catholic Cluster and like us! You will then see our news feed.



LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 12

Forest City (Fr. P) 7:30 AM †For the Departed Duncan (Fr. J) 5:30 PM †George Tusha

Tuesday, December 13

Forest City (Fr. J) 5:30 PM †Becker/Brcka Families

Wednesday, December 14

Lake Mills (Fr. J) 5:15 PM †For the Departed Britt (Fr. P) 5:30 PM †Francis & Georgia Harrington

Thursday, December 15

Forest City (Fr. P) 7:30 AM †For the Departed Garner (Fr. J) 8:00 AM †Paul Johnson

Friday, December 16

Britt (Fr. J) 7:30 AM †For the Departed Concord Care (Fr. P) 9:00 AM †For the Departed

Saturday, December 17

Duncan (Fr. J) 4:00 PM †John & Margaret Hrubes Buffalo Center (Fr. P) 6:15 PM †For the Departed

Sunday, December 18

Britt (Fr. J) 8:00 AM †Elsie Pauk
Lake Mills (Fr. P) 8:30 AM †Phil Bernhard
Garner (Fr. J) 10:00 AM †For the People
Forest City (Fr. P) 10:30 AM †Anton Reineke Family

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

RECONCILIATION

Lake Mills

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 4:30 PM Duncan TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 Forest City 4:30 PM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 Britt 5:00 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 Garner 8:40 AM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 2:00 PM Forest City Duncan 3:00 PM 5:45 PM **Buffalo Center** 8:30 PM Garner SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 Britt 7:15 AM

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

Bulletin Editor:
Cheryl Hawe
Email items to,
CherylH@archangelscc.org
Questions? Call 923-2329
to speak with Cheryl.

Gluten Free hosts are now <u>available</u> in the Archangels Catholic Cluster. Contact Fr. Dubert if Interested.



7:45 AM



Archangels Faith Formation Information

Class Times for 2016-17:

 Britt: Wed
 $6:45-7:45pm - 2 - 12^{th}$

 Buffalo Center: Wed
 $6:50-8:00pm - K - 12^{th}$

 Forest City: Wed
 $6:00-7:00pm - PS-5^{th}$

7:15 - 8:30pm - 6 -12th

Garner/Duncan: Wed 6:45-7:45pm - K-12th
Lake Mills: Wed 7:00-8:00pm - K -12th

Adolescent Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: Contact Kayleigh at the FF Office 641-585-4856.

Interested in being part of panning for Youth Ministry in our Cluster? We still need reps from Britt. Contact Kayleigh at 641-585-4856

Adult Faith Formation:

New books for check-out: A few copies have been distributed to each parish. Check them out and return when finished;

RETURN: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church by Brandon Vogt, with recommendations by Bisop Robert Barron, (Catholicism), Matthew Kelly (Dynamin Catholic), Fr. Mitch Pacwa (EWTN), Mark Hart (Life Teen), Tom Peterson (Catholics Come Home)

<u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> (small paperback edition)

Children of Catechetical Age

Advent/Christmas programs will take place soon. All parishioners are invited to attend these programs in our Cluster. Show your support for our students. "O, Come All Ye Faithful!"

Christmas Program Schedule:

Sun. Dec 18—Lake Mills after Mass; "Symbols of Christmas" Wed. Dec 21—Forest City 6:00PM, "A Super Hero Christmas" Wed. Dec 21—Buffalo Center 7:00PM, "A SUPER Christmas"

How we Pray: Parents & Grandparents, are you aware that many of our younger children do not know the words to traditional Christmas carols/hymns? Reading and explaining the words of traditional Religious hymns to your children is one way to pray and teach the faith. Remember, "Singing is praying twice".

Children's Content Now Available on FORMED.org

Children will love the new content for them on FORMED — programs, ebooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith.

- Program: Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree: Based on an ancient legend.
- Audio: Our Lady of Guadalupe: Juan was a simple peasant widower, trying to go through his daily routines, when Our Lady, heavy with child, appeared over Tepeyac Hill in Mexico and announced other plans for him. Listen to the story of that apparition, which has forever changed the culture in all of North America.
- Movie: Skiff & AJ's Fantastic Voyage: When Skiff and AJ test—drive their homemade time machine, it shrinks them to a gnat size.
- Book: Saint Thomas Aquinas: Thomas Aquinas's biographer said that "throughout the entire world Thomas's teachings have spread among the faithful, and the whole Church is instructed by his voice".

Advent study; Four Sessions, one each week of Advent: Prepare the Way, Trust in God, Watch & Pray, The Gift.

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