

THE



CLUSTER

PARISHES



of St Mary's Riverside, Holy Trinity Richmond, St Joseph's Wellman

St Mary's parish of Riverside, Holy Trinity parish of Richmond and St. Joseph's parish of Wellman make up the cluster parishes. We are people of the Diocese of Davenport walking together in faith.

February 5, 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday at 8:30 am

Please call Jane Duwa, Karen Sojka or Linda Kron with bulletin announcements. They will forward them to the bulletin editor at one time. Thank you.

Mass Times

Saturday	5:30 pm	St. Mary's
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Joseph's
	9:30 am	Holy Trinity
	11:00 am	St. Mary's

Weekdays

Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Mary's
Wednesday	8:00 am	St. Joseph's
Thursday	11:00 am	Pleasantview Home
Friday	8:00 am	St. Mary's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm St. Mary's

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be registered members of the parish. Baptism instructions are required, ideally before the child is born. Call Fr. Marty for times of instruction.

Sacrament of Marriage

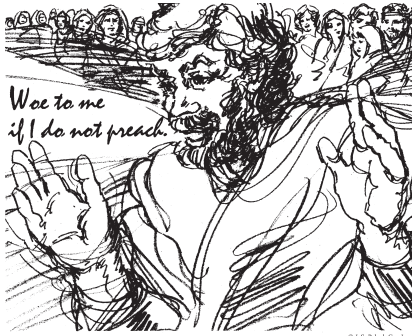
One of the couple must be a registered and active member of the parish for at least one year before the marriage. Couples are required to make an appointment with Fr. Marty at least 6 months before the wedding so that the initial preparation process may be completed.

We welcome newcomers to our parishes!

If you are interested in becoming a member of our parishes, or would like to join our Catholic faith, contact Father Marty or Derick Cranston.

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THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a

weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

Mass Intentions for February 7 - 12

Tues.	8:00 am	No Mass	St. Mary's
Wed.	8:00 am	No Mass	St. Joseph's
Thurs.	11:00 am	No Mass	Pleasantview
Fri.	8:00 am	No Mass	St. Mary's
Sat.	5:30 pm	Lloyd Krotz	St. Mary's
Sun.	8:00 am	Leo Frazier	St. Joseph's
	9:30 am	A.W. & Milford Duwa	Holy Trinity
	11:00 am	People of the Cluster Parishes	St. Mary's

Collection for

	Envelopes	Offertory
Holy Trinity	\$4,706.41	\$152.35
St. Joseph's	\$1,672.00	\$104.00
St. Mary's	\$1,533.00	\$292.00
Building Pledges Received		\$3,446.66

St. Paul says today: "I have been entrusted with a stewardship." Thanks so much for the gift of your stewardship of treasure and we are grateful for those who give faithfully and generously to the Parish each week!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"The humble saints kept their hearts open amid their work and everyday lives, ready to respond to the call of something greater"*

~ Pope Benedict XVI

Pray for the grace this week to receive the Lord's healing for you!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

- Do I believe that Jesus can heal me, forgive me?
- Like Job, have you ever felt hopeless? Who do you turn to in those times?
- Do you have the passion of St. Paul when it comes to living and proclaiming the Gospel?



Liturgical Ministers for February 11 & 12

	5:30 pm	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Lector	Kevin Engel	Breanna Goode	Katie Errthum	Fourth Grade Class
Eucharist	Kevin Engel (B) Tim Engel (W) Mari Kucher (W)	Shirley A. Bohr (B) Jeremy Peck (W) Pat Schmida (W)	Janice Yotty (B) Doug Yotty (W) Jim Hussey (W)	Ken Frauenholz (B) Jean Frauenholz (W) John Hanenburg (W)
Servers	Jared, Dana & Erin Simon, James Colbert	Kira & Kaitlin Kirkove, Duncan McCaine, Arisa Marine	Austin & Ryan Errthum, Rodney Culbertson, Maddy Harland	Dalton Hanenburg, Evan, Luke & Zoe Mahler
Greeters	Dan Hogan, Marjorie Hora, Betty Thomann, Kim Ruth	Frank & Helen Falada	Dave & Lori TeBockhorst	Fourth Grade Class
Ushers	Tim Engel, Dan Simon, Dan Hogan, Dennis Bush	Dave Ockenfels Family	Rob & Char Brenneman, Rich & Chris Brenneman	Fourth Grade Class
Gifts	Dennis & Peggy Bush	Dave Ockenfels Family	Jared Duwa Family	Fourth Grade Class
Rosary	volunteer	Tom & Sue Thomas	Living Rosary	volunteer



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Dear People of God,
 Sometimes a few words are better than a lot of words. So with that being said, I give you something to think about today. When I received this from a deacon friend of mine I knew I wanted to make it a part of my life. And it goes with my homily from last Sunday.

Be the kind of person that when your feet hit the floor each morning the devil says 'Oh no. He's up!'

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't just because you can.

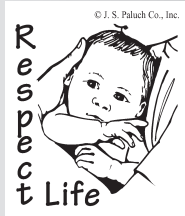
Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it.

Take a few minutes to think before you act when you're angry or mad. Forgive quickly.

God never said life would be easy. He just promised it would be worth it.

Have a great week! *Fr. Marty*

STAND UP FOR LIFE: In the words of Bishop Amos: "The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those "services" in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies. As a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration's sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply." As a Parish community, let us pray that this decision will be overturned and Religious Liberty will be restored. We are asked to contact our elected officials and ask them to overturn this decision. You can go to either www.usccb.org or www.iowacatholicconference.org for more information. Or you can write to our elected officials:



Sen. Charles Grassley
 135 Hart SOB
 Washington, DC 20510

Sen. Tom Harkin
 731 Hart SOB
 Washington, DC 20510

Congressman Bruce Braley
 1727 Longworth HOB
 Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Dave Loebsack
 1527 Longworth HOB
 Washington, DC 20515

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LENT IS COMING! Are you ready to make the Lord the center of your life? Ash Wednesday is only 17 days away! All parishioners will be receiving letters detailing all Lenten activities and practices.

St. Mary

February Sacristans: Joyce Norris & Donna Arthur.

Holy Trinity

We need volunteers to help prepare and serve meals for the Faith Formation classes for the following dates: February 1st, February 15th, March 21st, April 4th and April 11th. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Tom or Katie Slaubaugh at 656-2745 or 930-1763. Thank you.

HELP! We need 2 people or a family to volunteer to clean Holy Trinity church once a week for the months of February and March. If you can help, please call Bette Brant at 656-2800. Thank you.

St. Joseph

All parishioners are invited to the annual Soup Supper and Valentines Party, Sunday Feb 12th starting at 5:00pm. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. All soups, dishes & drinks will be provided. Card game after supper for the adults and games/activities provided for the children too! Enjoy a night of fun and fellowship with your parish family!

THE SACRAMENTS OF COMMITMENT: Please pray for those couples from our Parish preparing for Marriage. And pray for Kevin Anstey, a seminarian for our Diocese who will be coming to the Cluster Parishes February 24 for a 6-month internship.

THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: Did you know that there are a number of people preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation? In the next couple of weeks they will take their first public step. Keep them in your prayers.

THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday at St. Mary Church at 4:30 PM. Or call Fr. Marty and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. And if you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, are in the hospital or would like a parish visit, please contact Fr. Marty.

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: An early "Spring Training" was held this past week for all who serve as lector, usher, greeter and/or Eucharistic Minister. If you were unable to attend this "Spring Training", please contact Fr. Marty. A couple other times will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. It is important that you attend one of the training sessions. Check next week's bulletin for other times.

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Youth Page

At our last 10th grade Confirmation class we discussed Catholic Moral Theology. It was a very appropriate time to discuss this for two reasons: 1. Our class was held on Jan 22nd – the 38th anniversary of the legalization of abortion, and 2. As Fr Marty pointed out when he read the letter from Bishop Amos, we need to stand up for our Catholic moral beliefs and respect the sanctity of life. But what are those Catholic moral beliefs and ethics?

The first and foremost *is* the sanctity of life. This covers everything from contraceptives and sterilization, abortion, the “option for the poor”, workers rights, immigration reform, equal rights for all, environmentalism, and ending the death penalty. These are all things that contribute to the sacredness of life. These are all issues that we stand for in our Catholic faith. It is what Jesus taught by his life, teachings, and passion upon the cross.

The “option for the poor” may be a new one for you. Basically what it means is that whenever we make a decision or enact a law, we should first consider how it will affect the poor. There is a whole wealth of information on Catholic moral beliefs and ethics. If you would like to learn more and what you can do, I strongly suggest you check out the websites Fr Marty has listed in the bulletin.

Peace and God's Blessings, Derick Cranston

A BIG thanks to Steve Musser for providing pizza and Adam Rich at the Riverside Travelmart for providing pop and chips for the NET retreat last Wednesday!

Confirmation Schedule

9th Grade Feb 19th, 4:00pm – 7:30pm, Holy Trinity

10th Grade Feb 26th, 4:00pm – 7:00pm, Holy Trinity

CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) help needed:

Help is needed for the women's CEW March 2-4 and men's CEW March 23-25, setting up for meals, serving food, and cleaning up in the kitchen. Prepared items such as salads, side dishes, main dishes (vegetarian for Friday night due to Lent) and desserts are needed for most meal times. Five to ten volunteers are needed in 3-hour shifts for various meal-times throughout the weekend. We are relying more heavily this year on food donations and volunteer assistance. Please help us make this a great retreat experience for our CEW candidates. Contact Linda Kron at 648-2331 during Parish office hours or Julia Neff at 319-541-1906 if you can help. Thanks!

Catholic Messenger: It is now time to renew your annual subscription to the *Catholic Messenger*. Envelopes can be found in your envelope packets. Please remember that Bishop Amos asks all parishioners to subscribe to the Catholic Messenger. The cost is \$25 and checks should be made out to the Parish. The Catholic Messenger keeps us informed about the Church in our Diocese and around the world. **EVERY PARISHIONER** is strongly encouraged to receive our Diocesan newspaper.

Theology on Tap: Please join us Weds, Feb 8th at Dodici's Shop in Washington. Social begins 6:30pm, presentation at 7pm. Guest speaker Fr. Troy Richmond will present “The YouTube Heresies”, based on a commentary about the spread of Anti-Christian secularism written by Fr. Robert Barron, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and professor at Mundelein Seminary.

Fish Fry: Mark your calendar. Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry at the KC Hall in Washington on Feb 10th and Feb 24th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.



Marriage Preparation Weekends: If you are planning a wedding for 2012, Marriage Preparation weekends will be held:

February 25-26, 2012: St. John Vianney (Bettendorf)

April 28-29, 2012: St. Mary (Williamsburg)

The registration form can be found at

www.davenportdiocese.org or you can contact the Parish Office. Registration is \$125 per couple.

Marriage Encounter Retreat Weekend: Feb 17-19, Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport. Give the gift of love to each other, renew your marriage relationship, improve your couple communication and enhance your mutual commitment. Whether you have been married one year, 20 years or more, you will enjoy this opportunity to spend quality time together away from everyday demands. All discussions are private between you and your spouse. The cost is \$95 and includes five home-cooked meals. To register or for more information contact Joe and Tracy Ripslinger at 563-388-0355 or tracy@ripslinger.com.

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

“Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted!” The word is out: Jesus has the power to restore human life to wholeness. The sick and demon-possessed cannot come on their own, but others can bring Jesus to them or bring them to Jesus. It is quite the opposite in our First Reading. Job has had a hard time of it: he has been laid low by the hand of God. His family, his possessions and even his own physical well being have been removed. He is struggling to stay faithful. His “ouch” we all know in our own lives.



To whom do we turn? Jesus' authority and power extends over all things. It is Jesus who can heal and lift us up. It is Jesus who loves us and is with us during all times of our lives. It is Jesus who is there even when He seems so very far away. In faith let us open our hearts to hear his voice and receive his healing power. “Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted!”