

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.

January 29, 2012

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Office Hours

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

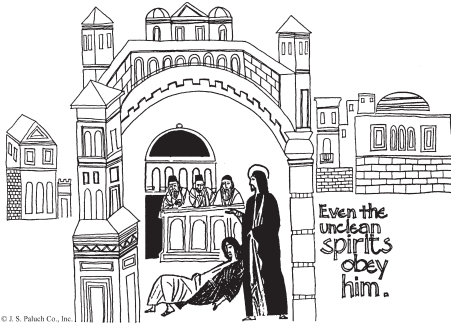
One of the couple must be a registered and active member of the parish for at least one year before the marriage. Couples are required to make an appointment with Fr. Marty at least 6 months before the wedding so that the initial preparation process may be completed.

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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**FALSE
PROPHETS,
TRUE
PROPHETS**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet,

but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

Even the unclean spirits obey him.

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Mass Intentions for Jan 31 - Feb 5

Tues.	8:00 am	Lucile Waldschmidt	St. Mary's
Wed.	8:00 am	Fr. Martin Manning	St. Joseph's
Thurs.	11:00 am	Ann Falada	Pleasantview
Fri.	8:00 am	Raymond Kron	St. Mary's
Sat.	8:00 am	Charles & Betty Coleman	St. Joseph's
Sat.	5:30 pm	Louis Kral	St. Mary's
Sun.	8:00 am	Alvin Mast	St. Joseph's
	9:30 am	People of the Cluster Parishes	Holy Trinity
	11:00 am	Lamont Duwa	St. Mary's

Collection for

	Envelopes	Offertory
Holy Trinity	\$1289.15	\$116.56
St. Joseph's	\$364.00	\$131.00
St. Mary's	\$979.00	\$192.30
Building Pledges Received		\$1,330.00

Thanks so much for the gift of your stewardship of treasure and we are grateful for those who give. But in order for us to continue to meet our budget we would ask that you faithfully remember the Parish and the work of Jesus each week.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*"The measure of love is to love without measure"
~ St. Francis de Sales, whose Feast day was celebrated January 24*

Pray for the grace this week to live the faith we profess!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

- When am I most astonished and amazed at the teaching of Jesus?
- What are the anxieties you feel most? Do you have a way to deal with them?
- Has God ever put "words into your mouth" to help others?

Liturgical Ministers for February 4 & 5

	5:30 pm	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Lector	Vernita Schneider	Tom Thomas	Sarah Altenhofen	Keith Clarke
Eucharist	Vernita Schneider (B) Kim Ruth (W) Jolene Wieland (W)	Tom Thomas (B) Tom Sieren (W) Doug Slaubaugh (W)	Heather Wiles (B) Mike Welte (W) Corine Welte (W)	Julie Colbert (B) Nicolette Edwards (W) Cathy Smith (W)
Servers	Riley Stumpf, Olivia Reschly, Tyler Beers, Holly Schneider	Dustin & Brandon Yoder, Shaylee Brown, Michaela Van Winkle	Haylee Marner, Abby Tornow, Skyler Gent, Olivia Quinby	Bryce Clark, Colton Schneider, Jessie Wolrab, Brad Lampe
Greeters	Lester & Jolene Wieland, Fran & Lloyd Weber	Sylesta Marine	Jim Cayton Family	Julie Colbert, Keith Clarke Family, Jean Hospodarsky
Ushers	Kim Ruth, Lester Wieland, Tim Stumpf, Jeff Reschly	Doug Slaubaugh, Doug Brenneman	Rob & Char Brenneman, Rich & Chris Brenneman	Dan & Kyle Schneider, Dennis Lampe, Don Edwards
Gifts	Lester & Jolene Wieland	Doug Slaubaugh, Doug Brenneman	Tom Welte Family	Don Edwards Family
Rosary	volunteer	MaryAnn Miller-Greiner	Bertie & Jane Duwa	volunteer



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Dear People of God,

A couple of weeks ago I was at another Parish in the Diocese helping out with confessions for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. As I like to do, as the candidates came in, I was talking to some of them and I even got them to laugh. One of the team leaders came up to me and shushed me! She then told me: "Father, Church and confession is no laughing matter."

But I believe that joy and laughter is an essential element of good spiritual health when used at the right time. (And maybe right before confession was not the right time! Or was it?) As one of my favorite authors ~ Fr. James Martin ~ says: "Joy has a disreputable reputation in the Church and that's a tragedy. Anyone truly in touch with God is joyful. When you're deadly serious, you're probably seriously dead."

I challenge you to have a "joyful file" on hand that make you laugh and have them ready when an occasion calls for more understanding and less tension. For example:

"A woman and six children were walking toward a park. An elderly man was also headed to the park and stopped the woman and said with a smile: 'My, what a nice group of children! Are they all yours, or is this a picnic?' The woman's response was immediate: 'Yes! They are all my children but it ain't no picnic!'"

I believe that Jesus enjoyed laughter and a good story told among friends. He often surprised His listeners and made the people around Him think about God's generosity and grace. That's good advice for us today. Joy attracts people to Christ and deeper faith. Why would anyone want to join a group of miserable people?

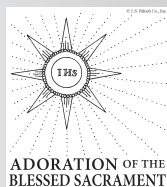
Have a wonderful and joy-filled week! *Fr. Marty*

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINSTERS: An early "Spring Training" for all who serve as lector, usher, greeter and/or Eucharistic Minister. This "Spring Training" will include a time for prayer and reflection and a brush up on the procedures in the Parish. If you feel called to a liturgical ministry in the Parish, this is for you! Ask yourself: Will you "step up" to the plate and serve the Parish"? Training sessions will be held:

- Mon, January 30: 6 PM at St. Joseph Parish
- Weds, February 1: 6:30 PM at St. Mary Parish
- Thurs, February 2: 7 PM at Holy Trinity Parish

You can come to any of the training sessions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Marty (648-2331 or goetzm@diodav.org). **THESE TRAINING SESSIONS ARE FOR ALL "EXPERIENCED" AND NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS.** Please make every effort to attend.

1st Saturday Devotions will be at St. Joseph's Wellman on Feb 4th, beginning at 8am. Please join us for the Mass, rosary, Eucharistic adoration and benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during Eucharistic Adoration.



Lent is Coming! Ash Wednesday is only 24 days away! All parishioners will be receiving letters detailing all Lenten activities and practices. And of course the bulletin and web page will have the same.

St. Mary

The St. Mary's Faith Formation is busy getting ready for the February Pancake Breakfast. Please mark your calendars for Feb 12th from 7am - 12:30pm. Raffle items will be crafted by the students. Parishioners are welcome to donate to our bake sale and craft table as well.

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.

Adult Education starts today! Join us as we watch "Conversion: Following the Call of Christ" by Fr. Robert Barron. Jesus is calling each one of us into a deeper relationship with him. Six stories of true conversion from the Bible will be presented. They were called just like you! They were called to become better than they were before! Please join us!

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!

Blessing of Throats Next Weekend!

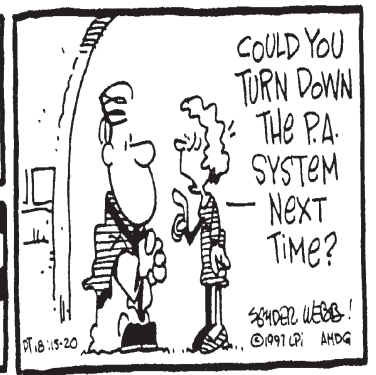
Friday is the Feast Day of St. Blaise and it is a time-honored tradition in the Catholic Church to bless throats on or around his Feast Day. Most legends say that while St. Blaise was in prison for his faith, he saved a child who was choking on a fish bone. After each Mass next weekend you will have a chance to have your throat blessed and invoke the Lord's healing touch.



SHARE is a great way to stretch your grocery dollars. This month's Best Value Package includes Chicken Breast Strips, Boneless Skinless Fish Fillets, Ham Steak, Deli Oven Roasted Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Brownies and Fresh Seasonal Assorted Produce, all for only \$25! Call Sue Hansen at 319-330-5634 or visit www.shareiowa.com by Feb 10th to order.

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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Contribution statements are available for your tax purposes. Please remember that any contributions to the 2011-2012 ADA and the Diocesan Capital Campaign will be sent directly from the Diocese and will not appear on the Parish contribution statements. Thank you so much for your generous support!

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.

CEW 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. Donations of prepared dishes are also needed. Five to ten volunteers are needed in 3-hour shifts for various mealtimes throughout the weekend. Prepared items such as salads, side dishes, main dishes and desserts are needed for most meal times. Please contact Julia Neff at 319-541-1906 or julia-neff@uiowa.edu if you can help. Thanks!

The Sacraments of Commitment: Please pray for those couples from our Parish preparing for Marriage. (Some of them are attending the Marriage Preparation weekend today!) And pray for our seminarians and all who are discerning the call of God in their lives.

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.

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.

IMS Potato Bar: Come join us at Upper Deer Creek Church for our annual potato bar in support of IMS. We will be serving from 11:45am - 1:00pm on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 5th. Free will donation.

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, VAC: 563-349-5002, PO Box 232, Bettendorf IA 52722, vacdav@attglobal.net

Youth Page

Wow! That's about all I can say to describe the incredible night we had last Wed night at our 9th grade NET retreat. The night started at 6:00pm and as the kids arrived, they were eagerly greeted by the NET team members. The NET members are college-aged students who travel across the country sharing their passion for the Catholic faith. Dinner was served at 6:30pm, and afterwards the night unfolded into a series of skits, music, personal testimonies, and small group discussions. The night wrapped up in the church with a powerful prayer service lead by the NET team leaders.

When asked what her favorite part of the night was, Lexi Duwa responded, "The small group sessions. We shared some really deep thoughts, things we would not normally talk about, and got to know more about the people in our class. Alison Riggan admitted, "I had a long day and when I came, I thought it would be a long night. But now, I am so glad I came." Kory Schnoebelen's favorite part of the retreat was the personal stories the NET leaders shared with the group. "I really liked everything said Kory, but the personal stories were what got to me the most."

I also received many positive comments from parents of the 9th graders. They were very impressed with the enthusiasm and confidence they saw in their kids afterwards.

Peace and God's Blessings, Derick Cranston

Confirmation Schedule

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

"I should like you to be free of anxieties." Paul tells us that everyone has a reason to be anxious. But God doesn't want us to worry. Is that even possible? Each of us has our anxieties, our difficulties. There are events or happenings in our lives that makes us nervous. There are bumps in the road of our everyday lives and relationships which are bothering to us.

We might be tempted to turn to the easy answers. But all we have to do is to turn to our faith and Jesus. That doesn't mean bad things aren't going to happen. It does mean that when those things do happen, God our Father is right there with us: holding our hand, wiping away our tears, crying with us, calming our fears. "I should like you to be free of anxieties."



Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— Psalm 95:6