



MASS APPEAL

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WELCOME to the summer edition of Mass Appeal.

Have a safe and fun filled summer!



MOTHER'S DAY MUSIC



Mother's Day at the 8AM Mass at Holy Cross was blessed with the inspired playing of accomplished violinist Rol Morris, first cousin to Tom Morris and Karen Bellis, who

was visiting from his home in Ladysmith, British Columbia, Canada. At St. Mary's 10AM Mass, our men's choir shared their vocal gifts for Moms with a barbershop style rendition of the song "Mother".



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Memorial Day, May 25: 10AM Mass at Holy Cross; Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Knights of Columbus before Mass from 8AM to 9AM

Blood Drives: Thursdays, June 4 and August 27, 3PM to 7PM, St. Mary

Vacation Bible School: Sunday, June 14 through Thursday, June 18, 5:30PM to 8PM, St. Mary

Missionary Visit: Fr. Emanuel Martelli, who is working in Egypt, will be celebrating our Masses June 20/21

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Saturday, August 15 (non obligatory)



What if you woke up TODAY with only the things that you thanked GOD for yesterday?

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS



CONFIRMATION CLASS

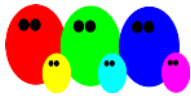


RELIGIOUS ED



For our final service project this year in RE, we focused on **CHICKENS!** The RE students heard the story One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference. After hearing the story, small plastic eggs were handed out with the challenge of returning the eggs the following week full of change. We even brought in a real chick to show the students! Our goal was to be able to purchase 3 flocks (10-12 chicks per flock) to help families in need. Thanks to your generosity, we purchased 12 flocks!!

You see, providing families in need with chickens can add nourishing, life-sustaining eggs to their inadequate diets. The protein in just one egg is a nutritious gift for a hungry child. Protein-packed eggs from even a single chicken can make a life-saving difference. And because chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available food scraps, families can make money from the birds without spending much. And chickens help control insects and fertilize gardens!



SAVE the DATE!! Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 14 through Thursday, June 18, from 5:30 to 8PM (supper included!). This year's theme is *Everest--Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power*.

The kids will embark on an icy expedition where kids overcome obstacles with God's awesome power.



Kids, you don't want to miss it!!!



Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking space. Looking up to heaven, he said,

"Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking space, I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up my Irish whiskey!" Miraculously, a parking space suddenly appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind Lord, I found one."

KID TALK

We asked the kids what their favorite thing about the Religious Education year was.

Leah, Kindergarten: When we did our class play about David and Goliath.

Luke, 6th grade: Our Opening Time when we learned stories from the Old Testament.

Griffen, 2nd grade: That's a hard one!

Jace, 4th grade: All the fun we had in class!

Jessie, 1st grade: Doing the meal packaging and seeing the baby chicks.

Daniel, 3rd grade: The Birthday Party for Jesus.

Marcus, 5th grade: Getting food during class.

Estella: 4th grade: Our play about King Nebuchadnezzar.

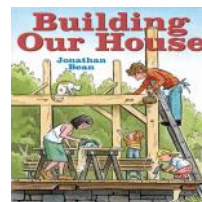
Christianne, 4th grade: The meal packaging.

Beau, 3rd grade: Our Birthday Party for Jesus.



AND THE WINNER IS....

Luke Huntrods, a 4th grader and son of Joel and Tara Huntrods, was presented with a \$20 Target gift card during Religious Ed class on April 15 as a result of his participation in the Lenten quiz in last quarter's Mass Appeal. When asked what he would do with his prize – he said he'd maybe give it to his Mom. Way to go, Luke! And thanks to all those 4th graders (and others) who participated in the quiz.



RECTORY UPDATE

The rectory project is moving forward. Bids were obtained and the decision was made to hire the Jim Campbell Construction Company of Bondurant. Contracts are finalized and demolition of the garage will be in the near future. The existing house will remain during construction of the new rectory, which will be built where the current stand-alone garage sits. Future updates and photos will be available on our new website!



Katie Fredericks lives in Ankeny and is a financial analyst for Mercy Hospitals of Des Moines. Her pastimes include gardening, Young Professional Connections DSM, and anything outdoors. She joined St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish because she likes the smaller community and friendly atmosphere. For Katie, Sunday Mass at St. Mary's "feels like a mini vacation".

Joel and Stacie Hergenreter reside in Elkhart with their two children, Alexis (6) and Luke (3). Both Joel and Stacie are program managers at John Deere. Alexis and Luke are in the North Polk School District. Joel likes biking, skiing, riding and showing horses. Stacie rides horses, runs, swims, and bikes. Alexis enjoys friends and running while Luke is into horses and tractors. The family joined SMHC because they like the friendly environment of our Parish.



Sean and Julie Soyer live in Bondurant with their two children, Hunter and Kayla. Sean is a sales and service manager for Wintersteiger. Julie is a registered nurse for Oral Surgeons, PC. Hunter (12) and Kayla (8) are in the Bondurant School District. The whole family enjoys the outdoors: boating, off-roading, and biking. In addition, Hunter is into RC trucks, football, basketball, and track; while Kayla likes dance, shopping, and hanging with friends. Our SMHC Community makes them feel part of a small, homelike, friendly parish.

Kevin and Christine Muehlenthaler of Ames, though new members, are not strangers to our Parish. Kevin's mother, Celeste, is the Parish Music Coordinator. Kevin, a 5th grade band teacher at North Polk, has played instrumentals and sung in the choir for our liturgical celebrations for a while. Christine, a research and development scientist at Boehringer Ingelheim, has also sung in our choir. On Good Friday, they welcomed baby Amelia into their family. Kevin enjoys music, videos, board and card games. Christine likes reading, taking classes, movies, and caring for Amelia.



Tim and Barbe Shay are both retired and live in Altoona. They have been married nearly 55 years with 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. They are both involved in Lion's Club and church events. Tim is also a Mason. They both like the atmosphere, traditional architecture of the Church, and the friendliness of St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish.

INTRODUCING!



Meet Kasey and Shelby Patterson of Maxwell. Kasey has been a member here all her life and Shelby started coming to church here when they began dating. They were married at St. Mary's Church on September 29, 2012.

Kasey is a respiratory therapist at Mercy Hospital, and Shelby runs Des Moines Computer Repair, a company they own; Kasey also does the paperwork and accounting for their business.

Kasey (Hudson) grew up in a large family in Maxwell, and her family has served their community through generations as fireman. Her grandmother was a first responder. Shelby's father was a firefighter for Ames and Kelley. In 2013, Kasey and Shelby together, became volunteer firefighters. Eventually, they took all the classes, and Kasey became certified as an EMS responder and Shelby followed as an EMT responder for Maxwell.

Kasey and Shelby are also in the process of adoption. They both knew they wanted to be parents as soon as possible after getting married but unfortunately were not able to have kids of their own. They felt the pull from God to look into adoption and are excited for this journey they have embarked on!

The Patterson's love dogs! The oldest (and biggest) is Gunner. He is a 3 year old mixed breed and loves humans. He even thinks that he is a human sometimes. Remington (goes by Remi) is a 2 year old mixed breed. He loves other dogs and cuddling. Both were rescued from the Story County Animal Shelter and they are so excited to be big brothers when the time comes.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Tara and Joel Huntrods were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 4, and their sons, Luke, Blake and Jace, were Baptized and received their First Eucharist at this Mass.



Congratulations also are extended to Mike Renoe, who will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church on Sunday, June 14 during 10AM Mass.



Mike and his wife Brenda are passionate about raising their sons, Sam, Will and Luke in the Catholic faith and continuing their journey in Christ together as a family.

MISSIONARY VISIT

Fr. Emanuel Martelli, a missionary priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, will be celebrating Mass with us the weekend of June 20/21. He, along with other Religious from the Institute, have been working with the Christian people of the Middle East for almost four years; carrying on the mission of working with the poorest of the poor. In addition to having parish responsibilities, they provide homes for children where they are educated and can make a better future for themselves. They also have a home for children with disabilities who do not have a family or have been abandoned on the streets.

Please join us to learn more about the missionary work of Fr. Emanuel.



KNIGHT'S KORNER

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our



Parish for the impressive generosity we witnessed at the Lenten Fish Fries this year. This included many

people who helped prepare the meal, serve the food, and clean up.

The new 5:00PM start time proved to be tremendously popular. We served over 300 people each night, exceeding last year's attendance record of 275. Total attendance for all nights was 950 and included members of our Parish, other parishes in central Iowa, and non-Catholic members of our communities.

In keeping with our mission to serve our Parish, the Catholic Church, and our community, your financial generosity will be passed along to multiple charitable organizations. Our next step is to determine the details on where the money will go. Look for this information in a future edition of the Mass Appeal.

Although it was a lot of work, we had an incredible time preparing for and feeding everyone. We hope that those who joined with the Knights had as much fun as we did, and know that we couldn't do it without you. We look forward to the years to come!



Coming events include a Pancake Breakfast at Holy Cross on Memorial Day – May 25th, and several things at the Elkhart City Festival on June 27th.

FEATURED RECIPE Oven Roasted Asparagus

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 bunch thin asparagus spears
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black Pepper



DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees
2. Place the asparagus into a mixing bowl, and drizzle with the olive oil. Toss to coat the spears, then sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, garlic, salt, and pepper.
3. Arrange the asparagus onto a baking sheet in a single layer.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until just tender, 12 to 15 minutes depending on thickness of asparagus.



Did you know that St. Mary's Catholic Church building will be 100 years old this year? We will celebrate its history at our annual Parish Picnic on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 18.

JOIN THE FUN!!

COMING SOON!! www.saintmaryhc.org

In the weeks ahead, the new Parish website will be online. It will continue to provide the information available on the current website - bulletins, calendars, council meetings minutes, etc. and will

have many new features, including information about Parish activities, photos and online registration forms. Most importantly it will be much easier to navigate! Eventually, blogs, online payments and other convenient features will be available.





CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!



Dylan Michael Lenz

Parents: Michael & Laurie Lenz

School: North Polk

Post-Graduate Plans: Take a year off and work at Wal-Mart then go to DMACC

Favorite Memory: When I went to the lock in at Incredible Pizza.



Alexandra Petersen

Parents: Matt & Holly Petersen

School: Ballard

Post-Graduate Plans: Attending Wartburg College in Waverly, IA

Favorite Bible Verse: "Let all that you do be done in love" - 1 Corinthians 16:14



Abby Miller

Parents: Angie & Matt Miller

School: Ballard

Post-Graduate Plans: DMACC-Ankeny, pre-nursing (living on campus) and then to complete



nursing degree at UNI

Favorite Bible Verse: So it is proof of God's own love for us, that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Favorite Memory: When we used to have Midnight Mass at 10:00pm on Christmas Eve, "I miss those Masses".

Kortni Carico

Parents: Tony & Anita Carico



Lindsey Page

Parents: Dave & Rhonda Page

Anthony Lettow

Parents: Jolene & Les Lettow

School: Ballard

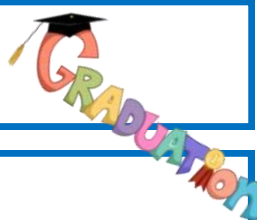
Post Graduate Plans: Trade School – Joining Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union #33

Favorite Memories: The lock down while in Confirmation and sitting with Uncle John during church.



Lily Lomica

Parents: Brian & Kelly Lomica



Kelcie Bohning

Parents: Jason & Joleen Bohning

Kyle Muehlenthaler

Parents: Celeste & Keith Muehlenthaler

School: North Polk

Post-Graduate Plans: Iowa State University to study Computer Engineering

Favorite Memory: getting to "be Jesus" for different activities - Living Rosary, Shadow Stations of the Cross and the Passion Reading.



Carl Smith

Parents: Phil & Mary Smith



Jordan Barnett

Parents: Corey & Julie Barnett

School: Bondurant-Farrar

Post-Graduate Plans: Biology major

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

Elvis H. Calvert

Parents: Sara & Mike Cockerham

School: Ballard

Post-Graduate Plans: Grand View

Favorite Memory: All of the wonderful friends and memories made at youth group.



Jacob Fothergill

Parents: Kathy & Scott Fothergill

School: Bondurant Farrar

Post-Graduate Plans: DMACC, Early Childhood Development

Favorite Memory: Confirmation time



Jakob Reha

Parents: Dustin & Monica Reha

School: North Polk

Post-Graduate Plans: Attending UNI to study English and Theater in the hopes of becoming a drama and English teacher.

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23



Patrick Jones

Parents: Doug & Lisa Jones



Kyle Schilling

Parents: Dave & Linda Schilling

Riley Kirk Peterson

Parents: Kirk and Liz Peterson

School: Ballard

Post-Graduate Plans: Attend Iowa State University and major in Management Information Systems/Computer Science

Favorite Memory: I really enjoyed being an Altar Server with Father Dan for many years.

Favorite Verse: Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?



Natalie Hale

Parent: Kathy Hale



Grant Nehring

Parents: Mike & Brenda Nehring

School: Ankeny Centennial
Post-Graduate Plans: Joining the Army (Infantry)

Favorite Bible Verse: John 15:13, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."



Aubrey Kahler

Parents: Melissa & Joel Kahler

School: Collins-Maxwell

Post-Graduate Plans: General Education at DMACC and then transfer to a university that has yet to be decided

Favorite Bible Verse: The Golden Rule: Matthew 7:12 "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."



Michael Fisher

Parents: John & Andrea Fisher

School: North Polk

Post-Graduate Plans: Iowa State to study Computer Science

Favorite Memory: Growing in my Faith with all of my friends at youth group over the years.

Favorite Bible Verse: Revelation 21:6, Then He said to me, "it is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost."



DOING GOD'S WORK!

On March 11, 200 parishioners participated in our Outreach Meal Packaging night to benefit the community of Moshi, Tanzania. This was the R.E. service project for March, but many parishioners took the opportunity to join in the fun. We packaged 10,238 meals of beans and rice in a little over two hours. (WOW!) From preschoolers to grandparents, it made the saying "many hands make light work" come to reality! Each person worked a 20-30 minute shift in an assembly line fashion.

It was a fun night filled with service for our brothers and sisters across the globe. "This is fun!" and "Ah, do we have to be done already?" were heard often from the kids. The meals we packaged will be sent later this year to Moshi, along with meals from Christ the King Parish in Des Moines. Msgr. Frank Bognanno, along with parishioners of Christ the King, have traveled to Tanzania to spread the Word of Christ, as well as share their time and talents with the people of the Moshi region. We look forward to having another meal packaging night sometime in the future.

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