



MASS APPEAL

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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PARISH PENTECOST CELEBRATION

June 8th after 10AM Mass

Happy Birthday to the Church!

Catered buffet meal!

All are invited!

Good people, good food, good time!

We are community!

You are appreciated!

Can't wait to see you there!

Fellowship!

You help us grow!

Amazing support!

You're a treasure to SMHC!

One in Faith!

Blessing God's work!

Fun!

Thanks, thanks and many thanks!

We are a gift to one another!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays, May 15, St. Mary, June 19, Holy Cross, and July 17, St. Mary, 7PM

Saturday Studies: 9:15AM-10:15AM, St. Mary, watch the bulletin for dates

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

Blood Drives: Thursdays, June 5 and August 21, 3PM to 7PM, St. Mary

Parish Pentecost Celebration: Sunday, June 8 after 10AM Mass, Social Hall

Vacation Bible School: Sunday, June 22nd through Thursday, June 26, 5:30PM to 8PM, St. Mary

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Vigil Mary: Holy Day of Obligation, Friday, August 15, 6:30PM Mass, St. Mary



Easter



Crowning of Mary

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



What a faith-filled and fun year the R.E. students and catechists have had! We started each class time by coming together as one body in Christ to learn, pray, sing, listen, act and share. We also used this time to discuss our many mission/service projects we partook in this year.

Those included collecting hats for kids with cancer at Blank Children's Hospital, and collecting cleaning and habitat supplies for the Iowa Primate Learning Sanctuary. A group of parishioners visited the IPLS and experienced the research that is happening there with the primates. We had a "juice war" to see which class could collect the most juice for St. Joseph's Family Shelter. During our Birthday Party for Jesus, the students made blankets to donate to the Animal Rescue League. Once again, we had a bake sale to benefit the Nigerian Seminary! We DO have some fabulous bakers in our Parish family! And our last service project involved raising money for bed nets for families in Africa who are under the threat of contracting malaria. We are pleased to announce that we will be purchasing 10 nets! Thank you so much!

Some special events we participated in throughout the year were Saints Party, Birthday Party for Jesus, Ten Commandment Fair, leading the Stations of the Cross and sharing our gifts at a Mass with many of the children leading various ministries and the choir, Good News Singers, leading the music.

We are looking forward to Weird Animals VBS, June 22-26! We hope to see all PreK-4th graders come learn about how God's love is one-of-a-kind!



LOL

A guy enters a Roman Catholic Church confessional in Washington D.C. He tells the Priest, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. Last night, I beat up a congressman."

The Priest responds, "My son, I'm here to forgive your sins, not to discuss your community service."

Have a good Summer!

Special Lenten services included a reenactment of the Last Supper and the Silhouette Stations of the Cross.



SUMMER'S SAINTS

St. Rita of Cascia was born in Italy in the 14th Century. At an early age, Rita begged her parents to allow her to enter a convent. Instead, they married her off to a man with a violent temper who often mistreated her. They had two sons and after 18 years of marriage, her husband was killed in a brawl. Before he died, he repented because Rita always prayed for him. Shortly afterward, her two sons died and Rita was alone in the world. She was admitted to a convent and began a life of obedience and great charity. At her canonization in 1900, she was deemed the patroness of impossible causes. She is also the patroness of abused wives and heartbroken women.

Her feast day is May 22.



Mary Magdalene was a well known sinner when she first saw Jesus. She was very beautiful and very proud. But after she met Jesus, she felt great sorrow for her evil life. When Jesus went to supper at the home of a rich man, Mary came and wept at his feet. When Jesus was crucified, she was there at the foot of His cross, unafraid for herself and thinking only of His suffering. When Jesus rose from the dead, He chose to show Himself first to Mary Magdalene, the repentant sinner.

Her feast day is July 22.



Aloysius Gonzaga was born in the 16th century into an aristocratic Italian family. After reading a book about Jesuit missionaries, Aloysius felt strongly that he wanted to become a missionary. At the age of 17, Aloysius was accepted into the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Rome. At 22 he

KID TALK



What was your favorite part of Religious Education this year?

Lauren, 5th grade

— learning the Ten Commandments

Tyson, 2nd grade

— learning about the Lord's Supper

Carla, 6th grade

— performing the Reader's Theater during opening

Anna, 3rd grade

— everything this year was fun!!

Liza, 3rd grade

— when we learned about the Bible and did Activities

Regan, 3rd grade

— the Malaria Walk

Hudson, CGS

— learning about the Ten Commandments

Miranda, 3rd grade

— the Last Supper lesson

had a vision in which the Archangel Gabriel told him that he would die within a year. Months later, a plague broke out in Rome and Aloysius volunteered at a Jesuit hospital. Six days before his 23rd birthday, Aloysius showed the first symptoms of being infected by the plague. Aloysius had another vision, that he would die on the Octave of the feast of Corpus Christi. On that very day, which fell on June 21 that year, he seemed very well in the morning, but insisted that he would die before the day was over. He died just before midnight. Aloysius Gonzaga has become the patron saint both of AIDS sufferers and their caregivers.

His feast day is June 21.



Pentecost Sunday, which falls 50 days after Easter, celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and marks the end of the Easter Season.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Kristi and Derrick Meyer live in Ankeny. Kristi works for Edward Jones and Derrick is self-employed. Kristi started playing piano for Sunday Mass at St. Mary earlier this year. They both liked the small parish feeling as well as the location, and recently joined SMHC. Besides playing piano, Kristi likes cross stitch, concerts, and music in general. Derrick hunts and enjoys anything outdoors.



Meri Parent and Ray Olejniczak live in Cambridge and were looking for a parish where they would feel comfortable. Ray was raised Catholic while Meri was not. They were both drawn to SMHC by the kindness they encountered here and the small family-like community that makes them feel at home. Meri went through RCIA at our Parish. Meri's occupations include child care and laundry service. Her interests are her grandchildren, music, swimming, and gardening. Ray works for the State Of Iowa at Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services in Ames. His hobbies include fishing, reading, music, and walking the dog. Both have become active within our Parish. Meri hosts "The 12 Steps for Christians" and is a member of our Pastoral Council.



Marlene Scarlett grew up in Newton and went to Sacred Heart Parish. She now lives in Maxwell, and gives riding lessons. Since 1978, she has enjoyed working with campers of all ages at Easter Seals' Camp Sunnyside. Her interests revolve around her love of horses: leather working, barrel racing, and artwork. Since meeting and talking with Fr. Dan, she felt so welcomed that she is rejoining the Catholic Church after an absence of nearly 50 years. She attends Holy Cross and loves the "beautiful cemetery".



MUSIC NOTES

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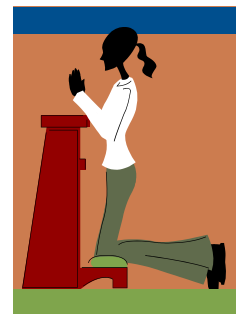
We were blessed with beautiful music during the Easter Triduum. Thanks to all who contributed their voices and musical talents to make the liturgy even more inspirational.

Men's choir practicing for Holy Thursday Mass is shown below:



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER DAN!

As Drew's pew redo progresses at St. Marys, I want to begin raising our level of awareness about taking care not to scratch, gouge and damage our "new" pews in ways that drew Drew to do the pew redo in the first place. Beyond the normal unavoidable wear and tear on the pews, it's also evident that they have suffered some extra-ordinary scratches and gouges by a couple of causes in particular, kid's toys and blue jeans jewelry, a.k.a. jeans bling. On several occasions parishioners have told me about their seeing children playing with metal or hard plastic toys on the pews, running them back and forth in ways that noticeably scratch the pews. Many of the scratch patterns on our pews strongly suggest that the fashionable posterior-jewelry on blue jeans is also a major culprit in a lot of our scratches and gouges. Some have suggested that I stand at the door before Mass to 'check out' who has such bling on their jeans, and caution them to sit lightly and take care not to slide their bling around in damaging ways. But I decided against that sort of posterior-policing as both unseemly and uncomfortable. Instead I will simply appeal to all to be aware and take care. Thank you!





CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!



Name: Blake McClain

Parents: Jerry and Rita McClain

School: North Polk High School

Post-graduation plans: Will be attending AIB College of Business

Favorite Memory from SMHC:

Vacation Bible School (In fact his family still has a photo frame he made on their refrigerator.)



Name: Amanda Moore

Parents: Dean and Martha Moore

School: North Polk

Post-graduation plans: Attend DMACC for 1-2 years, then transfer to ISU; majoring in Elementary and Early Childhood Education with a minor in a second language of American Sign Language with my ultimate goal of owning my own interpretation business and working with special needs children.

Favorite Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9: Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you



Name: Caitlyn Kinley

Parents: Kevin and Tisha Kinley

School: Bondurant-Farrar High School

Post-graduation plans: Finish training for Iowa National Guard and attend University of Iowa majoring in History and a minor in Russian

Favorite Bible verse: 2 Corinthians 4:8-9: We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated. We do not know what to do, but we do not give up the hope of living. We are persecuted, but God does not leave us. We are hurt sometimes, but we are not destroyed.



Name: Anne Stolte

Parents: Shawn and Nancy Stolte

Name: Samantha Lettow

Parents: Jolene and Les Lettow

School: Ballard

Post-graduation plans: Attend DMACC in Ankeny and major in business

Favorite Memory from SMHC: Trying not to laugh while listening to my older brother sing loudly in church because he thought he sounded good—and



Name: Erin Ruden

Parents: Jeff and Teri Ruden

Name: Nicole Richwine

Parents: Gregg and Marsha Richwine

Name: Ashley Hockey

Parents: Rob and Christina Wright

Name: Alexandra Wahlert

Parents: Becca Wahlert

Name: Morgan Yates

Parents: Doug and Dee Yates

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!



Name: Kellie Wong

Parents: Norm and Suzanne Wong

School: Ankeny Centennial High School

Post-graduation plans: Will be attending Minnesota State Mankato to major in biochemistry and will be a member of their track team.

Favorite Memory from SMHC: being an Atar Server.

Name: Lindy Peterson

Parents: Kirk and Liz Peterson

School: Ballard

Post-graduation plans: I will be attending DMACC in Ankeny for two years and then transfer to Iowa State or UNI to complete my degree to be an elementary school teacher. This summer, I will be working full-time at Camp Sunnyside in Des Moines as a day camp counselor for children and young adults with special needs.

Favorite Memory from SMHC: Attending VBS and also having fun with my confirmation class. I also enjoyed being an Altar Server on Sunday mornings with Father Dan.

Favorite Bible Verse: Be on guard. Stand firm in faith. Be courageous. Be strong. Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14



Name: Abbie Hauptert

Parents: Henry and Kristi Hauptert

School: Collins-Maxwell

Post-graduation plans: Attend Wartburg College and major in elementary education

Favorite Bible Verse: All things through Christ strengthen me.



Name: Elizabeth Burgus

Parents: Greg and Lou Ann Burgus

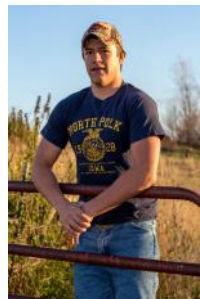
Name: Nicole Bishop

Parents: Larry and Mary Bishop

School: North Polk

Post-graduation plans: Attend UNI with an undecided major, but with lots of possibilities

Favorite Memory from SMHC: Helping out with VBS. It was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun!



Name: Chandler Smith

Parents: Perry and Bridget Smith

School: North Polk

Post-graduation plans: 1st year at DMACC and then transfer to Iowa State for Agronomy.

Favorite Memory from SMHC: The talks with Melissa at S.T.O.R.M.

Name: Abbie Farrell

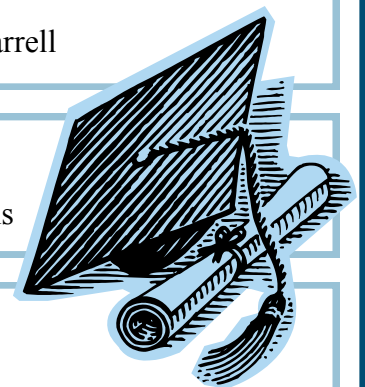
Parents: Chris and Shelly Farrell

Name: Rachel Bruns

Parents: Rich and Jean Bruns

Name: Shelby Ausman

Parents: Jody Hulen



Name: Emily Boyd

Parents: Mike Boyd and Pam Sufka-Boyd



PARENTING TIPS

ATMOSPHERE OF JOY - Create an atmosphere of joy with planned and unplanned laughter and music each day. A bit of random madness goes a long way too. I know I have struck a chord with my children when they refer to my silliness or my being “funny”. Tickles go a long way, but, as I have found out, you need to also give your fragile children a breather!

AFFIRMATION - When your children ask “Daddy look at me,” make sure you look. If what they are doing is not dangerous, smile and affirm them. If you don’t acknowledge their cries for attention now, they won’t bother seeking your attention later.

QUALITY TIME - When they ask, “Will you play with me?” then say “yes” heartily and play with them. It will only take about ten minutes and they will feel loved. If the time is not right then let them know you will come back to them as soon as you have finished what you must get finished and keep your promise. A broken promise may be forgiven once, twice, even three times. However, broken promises can be seen as outright rejection.

BOUNDARIES - Have firm boundaries and don’t waver. Keep a written list of parent responses and appropriate consequences so that in heated moments you can engage in behavior management strategies that do not permit the emotions to get the better of you. This may mean memorizing stock phrases that you can use readily as well, such as “let’s try that again” when your child ignores your request. Don’t fall into the trap of bargaining with your child. Do that and they might just end up with the victory.

REWARDS - Reward regularly. My wife and I have a reward system in place whereby our children receive stamps which equate to pocket money which they then use to buy what they wish (within reason). We also get them to work for toys they really like by purchasing them first and having them on display.

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FEATURED RECIPE KEY LIME PIE

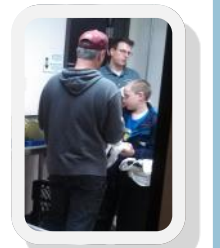
1 (8 or 9 inch) baked pie crust
3 egg yolks
1 (14 ounce) Sweetened Condensed Milk
1/2 cup fresh squeezed lime juice
(if use key limes use 1/4 cup of juice)
1 cup heavy whipping cream
3 tablespoons granular sugar
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
In medium bowl, beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored.
Stir in sweetened condensed milk and lime juice
Pour into cooled baked pie shell and bake 30 minutes.
Cool pie and then chill.
Add granular sugar to heavy whipping cream and beat. Spread desired amount of whipped cream on pie.
Garnish with lime zest and refrigerate until ready to enjoy!!



KNIGHTS KORNER



The Fish Fry events were a lot of fun - we even recruited extra help. We're looking forward to more fun social events with our Parish like Pancakes at Holy Cross on Memorial Day at 8AM and later in the year at St. Mary. Look for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burrito stand in the morning at Elkhart Days on Saturday, June 21st.



FELLOWSHIP

Food, Friends and Fellowship came together at Parish sponsored events—including the Mardi Gras Celebration and the New Members Brunch featured on this page.

