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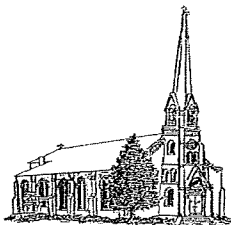
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MASS TIMES:

Mon: No Mass

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8:30 AM

Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM (April to September)
4:00 PM (October to March)

Sunday Morning: 9:30 AM

Holidays: As announced in the bulletin

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weston, IA



St. Columbanus Catholic Church
22720 Weston Ave
Underwood, IA 51576-3920
Served from Neola

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM

Holidays: As announced in the bulletin
Reconciliation by appointment

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25/26, 2020

READING I 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

READING II Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1/2, 2020

READING I Isaiah 55:1-3

READING II Romans 8:35, 37-39

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

WEEKEND REFLECTION – 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

In the parable by Jesus about the hidden treasure and the rich merchant in today's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of heaven should be our greatest and highest value, a treasure for which we should be ready to sacrifice every other thing to possess. He encourages us to put God and the things of heaven first before every other thing. To do this is to be wise. Solomon manifested such great wisdom as recorded in the first reading and gained everything. Whoever makes God and the kingdom of heaven a priority in life is a wise person for as scripture says "*the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding*" (**Proverbs 9:10**). The wisdom referred to here is quite different from intelligence or knowledge that is gained from learning. Rather, it is the common sense that is manifested in good judgement and enables one to place the love of God and neighbor above all things. There is everything to gain when we seek God first.

Daily Prayer This Week from Online Ministries:

This is also a wonderful week to reflect and break open these parables about the Kingdom of God among us. Jesus must have been wanting to assure his disciples and followers who could have been vulnerable, like us, about being discouraged. Sometimes, we get confused or down about how it seems that evil wins out over good, that God's presence is so imperceptible that it tempts our faith in God's presence at all.

In the habit of reflecting in the midst of our daily lives that we have been practicing, we can spend several days noticing the growth and grace offered us - as powerful as yeast or as small as a tiny seed. This can change our spirits and give us more hope and trust. We can spend several days placing our trust in God in the midst of those days when it just seems like there are so many "weeks" standing the way of whatever good we try to do."

Weekday Masses

July 27 - NO MASS
July 28 - Cleo Lefebvre 8:30 AM
July 29 - Parish Veterans & their families 8:30 AM
July 30 - Gene & Carolyn Denning 8:30 AM
July 31 - Sally Osbahr 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

Aug 1 - Louis Eckrich Jr. 5:30 PM
Aug 2 - St. Columbanus 8:00 AM
Aug 3 - St. Patrick's 9:30 AM

AUGUST 1, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Lector - Amy Ausdemore
EME's - Nate Bolte

AUGUST 2, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Sue Welbourne
EME's - Shannon Nye

AUGUST 8, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Lector - Travis Bolte
EME - Andrea Bolte

AUGUST 9, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Matt Brummett
EME's - Rhea Gross

AUGUST 15, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Lector - Nate Bolte
EME's - Travis Bolte

AUGUST 16, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Rita Heinen
EME's - Mindy Schechinger

TITHE COUNTERS

July 26 - Peggy Thielen Mark Pogge Dani Baxter
Aug 2 - Anne Brummett Jeannie Disalvo Sara Pauley
Aug 9 - Terryl Greiner Rita Heinen Mark Pogge
Aug 16 - Teresa Hoffman Dani Baxter Peggy Thielen

FALL FAITH FORMATION PLANNING: We are in the process of discerning the best way to move forward with faith formation as a parish community this fall. We are looking for lots of feedback on your faith formation needs, the needs of the children, and the needs of our parish families at this time. Please reach out to Alyssa Beasley by email or phone to share your hopes and concerns for this fall. All will be taken into close consideration as we continue the discernment process. Alyssa can be reached at AlyssaBeasley2017@gmail.com or 712-485-2014.

CONFESSIONS: Father Sylvester will be in the confessional to hear confessions from 5:00 to 5:25 on Saturday evenings before Mass. Confessions must be over by 5:25, so Father can get ready for Mass. If this time does not work for you, please contact the parish office at 712.485.2124 and we can schedule another time.

CENTENNIAL SPOONS: When cleaning out cupboards for the office move, we found a few boxes with St. Patrick's Centennial Spoons from back in 1982. They are in the entrances of church if anyone would like to take any. Help yourself!

THANK YOU FROM MSGR. LARRY BEESON:

Recently I received a generous check from the parish in honor of my 60th Ordination Anniversary. I sincerely appreciate your generosity. It will be used for the expenses of the celebration when I actually do get to celebrate my anniversary. Coronavirus has postponed everything.

It is also the 70th Anniversary of the Sister, Sister Rachel, who is a member of the Sisters of Humility. The Sisters of Humility worked many years running St. Joseph School. At one time there was even a Catholic High School in Neola.

In honor of my Sister and the work of the Sisters of Humility, especially in Neola, I am giving half of what you gave me to the Sisters who now have their headquarters in Davenport. They can use it for whatever is their greatest need. They do lots of work with the poor.

I am writing to the Sisters so that they will know of your generosity to them. Please know of my prayers for you. We celebrate Mass each day and you will be remembered in these Masses and my daily prayers.

And, I wish to thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Msgr. Larry Beeson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31 - MOHM's Place Meal
Aug 1/2 - Catholic Charities Collection (see next page)
Aug 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 22/23 - Collection for the Church in Africa
Sept 7 - Labor Day

Memorial Calendar:

July 29 - Memorial of St. Martha
July 30 - Memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus
July 31 - Memorial St. Ignatius of Loyola
Aug 1 - Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori



Tithing Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 5,480.00
Plate	\$ 50.00	\$ 117.00
Children's Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00

MOHM's Place

Friday, July 31, 2020

St. Patrick's, Neola will be supplying a meal to MOHM's Place in Council Bluffs on July 31st. (They do not want us serving the meal at this time, due to Covid.)

We will need help with the following:

- Volunteers to cook the food on Friday afternoon (beginning at Noon)
- Food donations - especially desserts
- Monetary donations

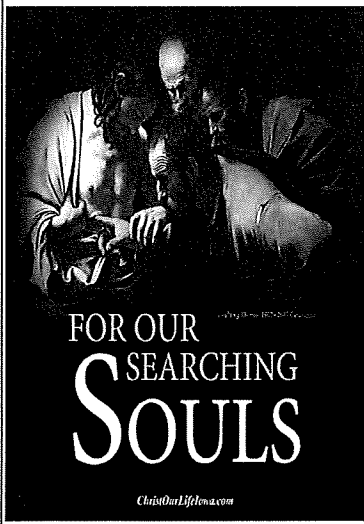
If you have questions, would like to volunteer or would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Mark Bjorling at 402.968.5357 or Geri Bjorling at 402.215.4637.

PARISH OFFICES: The parish offices were moved to the faith formation building this weekend. A little information to be aware of:

1. The main office door will be the one facing 3rd street. This entrance has a ramp, so you won't have to go up any stairs to come to the parish office.
2. RaeShelle's office will be right inside that 3rd Street door. Alyssa and Father Sylvester will have offices upstairs, but can come downstairs to meet with anyone that needs to speak to them.
3. The parish phone lines will be changed, but this is still a work in progress. We will publish the new numbers as soon as they are up and running.
4. The mailing address will stay as PO Box 127, but the physical address for the office will now be 311 3rd Street.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Thank you to the families who have made a pledge to this year's ADA. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your gift can make a real difference. Pledge cards are available in the church entrances & can be sent to the parish office.

ST. PATRICK'S COUNCIL BLUFFS ONLINE AUCTION: St. Patrick's Council Bluffs will be hosting their first Online Auction for the St. Patrick Festival. While it is sad that they cannot celebrate in-person, they hope you have a fun time bidding on items collected from our community and local sponsors. Starting now, you can view all of the items online at <https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/66404/auctions/82819?t=all>. Create an account early so that on Sunday, July 26 at 10:00 am you can start bidding! On Sunday, August 2, at 10:00 pm, bidding will close. Any questions, feel free to reach out to them at webmaster@stpatrickscb.org or 712.323.1484.



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More information can be found online at www.ChristOurLifeIowa.com. If interested in attending, please contact Alyssa Beasley at alysabeasley2017@gmail.com

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION: From Bishop Joensen:

"Each summer, Catholic Charities of Des Moines invites our parishes to participate in the Second Collection that is specifically focused on the programs and services offered through Catholic Charities to empower individuals and strengthen families within our Des Moines Diocese.

While our world continues to change in unprecedented ways, the needs for the most essential services to our neighbors have only increased. Through its array of programs Catholic Charities provides: family counseling, as well as school-based counseling located within many of our Catholic schools; two family shelters in Des Moines and Council Bluffs respectively; a food pantry, refugee resettlement; and programming in a nine-county area in southwest Iowa focused on domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. During the present COVID-19 pandemic, these programs have continued to maintain uninterrupted services to our diocesan communities while annually serving more than 25,000 individuals and families.

Most recently, through generous donors, Catholic Charities is in the process of distributing \$250 pre-paid VISA cards for basic necessities to over 280 current and former clients as part of a COVID-19 Relief Fund. I encourage you to make a gift to Catholic Charities through the Second Collection. Founded 95 years ago, the social ministry of Catholic Charities continues to "labor in the streets inviting and serving those who have been left out" (excerpt from the Catholic Charities USA prayer)."

Donations can be placed in the baskets located at the main entrances of church.

We welcome you into God's family! If you are interested in learning more about our church, or would like to join, please pick up a registration form at one of the entrances of the church, stop by the parish office, or call Father Sylvester for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: To have your child baptized you must be a registered parishioner in good standing for at least three months before requesting a baptismal date. Baptismal requests must be made at least one month before the desired date. A baptismal class is required for first time parents and other parents who have not had a formal baptismal class. The class is held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANONING): Anointing is available upon request. It is available: in serious illness, before surgery & in emergency at anytime. Please call the parish office.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS: Please call the parish office when a parishioner is admitted to any of the hospitals or care centers. Hospitals no longer alert us to that information due to a confidentiality law. If a homebound parishioner would like a pastoral visit, or to receive the Eucharist, call the parish office. The Eucharist is taken to the homebound on Sundays by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Saturday 5:00 - 5:25 pm; or any other time by appointment.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: The process of becoming a Catholic or completing the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation for adults or children is celebrated in the parish. Please call the parish office for further information.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE): To be married at the parish, you or your intended spouse or your parents must be a registered parishioner in good standing for at least six months before a date can be requested, with a minimum of six months for marriage preparation. The couple therefore needs to talk with a priest or deacon six months before the anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for reception before seeing & meeting with a priest or deacon AND before your wedding is placed in the parish calendar. If a prior marriage is involved; one year notice may be necessary. Please plan accordingly.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Fridays: Mass 8:30 a.m. followed by Exposition till 10:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Suspended until further notice.

UPDATE OF PARISH ROSTER: A constant effort of the parish office is updating our current registered parishioners. If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. If you are moving to a new location, or if parishioners know of someone who has moved, please call the parish office.

PRAYER CHAIN: To request prayers, call Bonnie Turner at 712-485-2570 or 402-672-3756 and she will start the process to get the 30+ individuals on the chain praying for your intention. There is also a prayer intention book at the entrance of church in which you can offer/write your prayer intention/request.

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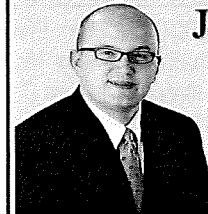
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