

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Gilbert, Iowa

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2011

Stewardship Reflection

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

A Preview of Next Week

Sunday, November 13, 2011

Readings: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-2

Ministry List:

Sacristan: Lauryn Canny
Greeter: 8th Grade Religious Education Class
Ushers: 8th Grade Religious Education Class
Reader: 8th Grade Religious Education Class
Acolytes: 8th Grade Religious Education Class
Gift Bearer: 8th Grade Religious Education Class
Communion Ministers: Karen Wirth, Claire Polking,
Tonya Meyer

This may not reflect replacements. Contact Cindy Phelan at cindykphelan@gmail.com or 515-291-2272 to be added or removed from the Ministry List.

November Breakfast and Coffee

The November Committee will serve First Sunday Breakfast **TODAY!** and Third Sunday Coffee on November 20th. The families on the November Committee are: Canny's, Steenhagen's, Fritz', Hart's, and Gustafson's.

November 6th Breakfast Fundraiser

There will be a free will offering at the First Sunday Breakfast to begin raising funds for Kids Against Hunger. Our Faith Formation program is planning to package meals again this year at the end of April. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Your Prayers

Please keep **Nolan Jonas, Father Ev Hemann, Mark Jennings**, brother of Michele Mullen, **Bonita Schmitz**, mother of Joan Eslick, **Ledger Dalton**, grand-nephew of Deb Joel, and **Fran East**, mother of Donna Weigel, in your thoughts and prayers.



Faith Formation News

Nov 9th Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)
Nov 16th Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)
Nov 23rd No Class (Thanksgiving break)
Nov 30th Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)
Dec 7th Mass at 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Soup Supper

The Knights of Columbus will be having a soup supper on Friday, November 11th, at the Story City Citizens Center from 4:45-8:00 pm. They will be serving chicken noodle or chili. A free will offering will be accepted.



Looking Ahead

Add these SS. Peter and Paul Mass times to your calendar!

Immaculate Conception:

Wednesday, December 7th, at 7:00 pm

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve:

Saturday, December 24th, at 5:15 pm

Solemnity of Mary:

Sunday, January 1st, at 8:30 am

Thank You!

A big "Thank You!" to all who donated food and to all who helped serve the good food at Bethany Manor October 23rd! The residents and the staff enjoyed it.

Card Club

Are you interested in having card playing nights (game 500) over the winter? I propose the 3rd Friday each month. All skill levels welcome! Please contact me if interested at arlenerenee7@aol.com or (515) 733-2551.

Loaves and Fishes Pantry

SS. Peter and Paul distributed food at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry on October 15th. Thank you to those who helped: Tony, Christie, and Greg Gustafson, Trevor, Kathy, and Melissa Howe, Jeff, Kathy, Megan, and Kaylee Wellik, and Erin Powers. The next time that our church distributes food is January 7, 2012. To sign up for that day, please call or email Tonya Meyer at 290-9051 or meyer1017@gmail.com.

Use of Church Facilities

Those interested in using church facilities for non-parish wide or events or activities other than those affiliated with religious education should contact Cathy Strohbehn (cstrohbe@iastate.edu or 515-232-6858) *prior* to the event. This will ensure there are no scheduling conflicts and that insurance requirements of the dioceses are met. Uses of church facilities can be found on the calendar posted on the parish website at www.ssppgilbert.net.

Divorce Group to Discuss Fear

The separated/divorced support group of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center will meet Thursday, November 10th, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Lower Lounge of the church, 2210 Lincoln Way in Ames. Topic for discussion will be the chapter on fear from Healing the Wounds of Divorce by B.L. Shlemon. Before the meeting, the group will meet for dinner at 5:15 pm at Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, 105 Chesnut Street, in Ames. Men and women of all faiths are welcome. Free childcare is available with prior request. To RSVP for dinner or childcare by noon on Wednesday, November 9th, contact Carol Pearson at (515) 296-2250 or breathe2relax@msn.com.

The Witness

Read about these topics and more in the November 6th issue of "The Witness"

- Meet the seminarians of the Dubuque archdiocese
- St. Jude Parish, Cedar Rapids, celebrates 50 years
- Observance of 25th anniversary of deacon class

Church Directory

Please sign-up for pictures for the new church directory. Local businesses can advertise in the church picture directory for \$30. See Jeff Wellik or Donald Johnson for more details.

Notice of Upcoming World Premiere Event

"Tobit: The Path to Virtue," is an original musical based on the book of Tobit, a traditional Jewish story. Composer Todd Flowerday of Ames, liturgist at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, is an accomplished pianist with numerous compositions to his credit. Together with a dozen vocalists and nine musicians, he and music director David White with Barb Stafford as artistic director, bring the story of Tobit to life.

Performances: Friday, November 12th, at 7:30 pm, and Saturday, November 13th, at 2:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center. General seating with a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For further information, contact Ronnie Lindeman at mmdesign@netins.net or Todd Flowerday at todd@staparish.net.

Advent Celebration

The St. Petri Lutheran Church Women invite you to be our guests at our Advent Celebration Saturday, December 3rd, at 9:30 am at 804 Grand Avenue in Story City. Our program will be given by musicians Karla Reiland (formerly of Webster City) and Freda Myhrwold from the Minneapolis area. We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship with you!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next weekend is in Cedar Falls, Iowa, February 10-12, 2012, and the one after that is March 30-April 1, 2012, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. To register or for more information, contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at (563) 927-4352. Please register 6 weeks in advance. Visit www.iowa-wwme.org for more information.



Adults: How are you preparing to be ready for that moment that no one escapes, the moment when you come to the end of your life as you know it?

Children: If Jesus came to your house today, what would you do to get ready for him?