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February 5, 2012 ~~~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgies for This Week

Monday, February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions

No Mass at Garner

Forest City 11:00 AM—1:00 PM Adoration

Tuesday, February 7

Forest City 4:30 PM Holy Hour

Forest City 5:00 PM Reconciliation

Forest City 5:30 PM Arnold & Vera Becker

Wednesday, February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani

Lake Mills 5:15 PM Donna Helmle

No Mass at Britt

Thursday, February 9

No Mass at Forest City

Garner 8:00 AM Lucille Klesel

Waldorf 9:00 PM

Friday, February 10 St. Scholastica

Britt 7:30 AM Joe & Marge Goetz

No Mass at Good Samaritan

Saturday, February 11

Forest City 10:00 AM Reconciliation

Duncan 4:15 PM Reconciliation

Duncan 5:00 PM Raymond Paca

Buffalo Center 5:15 PM Reconciliation

Buffalo Center 6:00 PM For the People

Sunday, February 12

Britt 7:15 AM Reconciliation


Britt 8:00 AM Rita Swenson

Forest City 7:45 AM Reconciliation

Forest City 8:30 AM Charlie Ruitter

Garner 10:00 AM Clarence & Verneil Ptacek

Lake Mills 10:30 AM Arnold Sorenson

 *I Corinthians* Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

Anointing Mass: During the weekend of February 11/12, Fr. Miller and Fr. Lippstock will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. If you are seriously ill, facing surgery or of an age where the anointing would be beneficial, please come forward during that Mass. Please reach out to those people who cannot make it to Mass on their own and offer them a ride or, if they cannot come to Mass, please call Fr. Miller or Fr. Lippstock and we'll make a home visit.

Catholicism Series: Want to learn more about what makes the Catholic Church special? Fr. Miller and Joy Heebink will be leading a discussion for eight Monday evenings starting February 13 for anyone interested. Sessions held on the campus of Waldorf College in Forest City. We will be utilizing Fr. Robert Barron's video series "Catholicism". A \$20 fee covers 10 workbooks which we will use during the series. Space is limited, so call the St. Boniface office, 641-923-2329, if you are interested.

Six Weeks With the Bible: 1 Corinthians—Living as Christians by Kevin Perotta will be the topic of discussion for a Lenten book study at St. Boniface. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 12 Noon in the Spiritual Room beginning on Feb. 15. Contact Susan Babcock, 923-9237, for more info.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal: As we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, it is a time to reflect and express gratitude for the establishment of social ministry outreach in our Archdiocese that began through the creation of hospitals, schools and other forms of social ministry. Over the past 80 years, these efforts have evolved into an organized structure, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

As Catholics, we are called to love and provide help for our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Charities' continued success is dependent on the volunteerism, financial support and prayers of each of us.

Once a year, Catholic Charities requests your financial assistance through their annual appeal weekend, this year held February 11-12. A letter will be mailed to the home of all parishioners who have made a donation to Catholic Charities in the past, requesting your support for this worthy cause. Your contributions can be mailed to Catholic Charities in the envelope provided with the appeal letter. Please be as generous as you can. If you do not receive a letter in the mail but would like to make a tax-deductible gift, please visit the website www.charitiesdbq.org to make your secure online donation.

Our Sincere Sympathy

Clarence Seebeck ~~~ January 18, 2012
Father of Vicki Matern

John Robert "Bob" Umbarger ~~~ January 24, 2012
Father of Carey Umbarger

Glenn Kronemann ~~~ January 27, 2012
Father of Lynn Doughan

Rose Swaney ~~~ January 31, 2012
Sister of Maxine Noble



A Letter from Archbishop Jerome Hanus, OSB

January 31, 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you concerning a serious matter that impacts us as Catholic citizens in this country. You have most likely read or heard about this matter in the media. A recent government action touches directly the Catholic Church in the United States. This matter strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for us and citizens of any faith.

In developing rules to implement the federal health care reform law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *required* to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization and contraception, including abortion-causing drugs. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those "services" in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

Unless the rule is overturned, Catholics will face a difficult dilemma: either violate their consciences or drop health coverage for employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). I believe that most of us consider this new rule from the Department of Health and Human Services to be both unconstitutional and immoral.

To correct this threat to religious liberty and rights of conscience, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1476). This measure will ensure that those who participate in the health care system "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions."

I urge you to contact members of Congress to support this legislation. To send an e-mail to Congress, go to www.usscb.org/conscience and click on "Write to Congress." You may also call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, or call the local offices of your members of Congress.

As a community of faith, let us commit ourselves to prayer and action to maintain our First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion.

Sincerely yours,

+ Jerome Hanus OSB

Archbishop of Dubuque

Holy Name Faith Formation

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Class.

Sunday, Feb. 12: Children's Liturgy during St. Boniface 10:00 AM Mass.

Confirmation—Dornbier's home 5:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 15: Class. Grades 9-12 meet at Duncan for movie 6:45 PM.

"Women & Spirit Exhibit", part of the Archdiocese of Dubuque 175th Anniversary, will be at the Music Man Square, 308 South Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City. **FREE Grand Exhibit opening Sunday, Feb. 5, 2—5:00 PM.**

Show dates: Tues.—Sun. from 1—5:00 PM during the month of February. Cost \$6/ adults, \$3/ students. Display depicts the history of women religious along the upper Mississippi River and their contributions to the Archdiocese of Dubuque over the past 175 years.

Admission also includes tour of "The Meredith Wilson Boyhood Home" and "The Music Man Square Museum."

St. Patrick Faith Formation

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Class.

Sunday, Feb. 12: Pre-school Class.

Ecumenical Soup Supper at Methodist Church 5-7 PM. High school youth help.

Wednesday, Feb. 15: Class. Grades 9-12 meet at Duncan for movie 6:45 PM.

Souper Bowl of Caring Soup Supper:

St. Patrick Youth will be joining youth from all Britt Churches for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring Soup Supper. This year the event will be Sunday, February 12, from 5-7:00 PM at the Methodist Church. Serving: Chili, Chicken Noodle & Vegetable Beef soups. All proceeds to the Britt Food Bank. Come support this worthy cause!

Daily Mass Cancellations: If school is **delayed/cancelled for West Hancock, Garner-Hayfield, Forest City or Lake Mills** due to weather conditions, the morning Mass will be cancelled for the day. If school is **cancelled or dismissed** early due to weather conditions, the daily afternoon Mass will be cancelled!

	St. Patrick, Britt	1/29/2012
	Budget ~ Adult Env.	\$1,428.00
	Student/Youth Env.	9.00
	Offertory	156.00
W	Offertory for Needy	25.00
E	Initial Offering	25.00
E	Holy Days	7.00
K	Energy Needs	30.00
		\$1,680.00
L	St. Wenceslaus, Duncan	
Y	Budget ~ Adult Env.	\$809.00
	Student/Youth Env.	4.00
O	Offertory	16.50
		\$829.50
F	St. Boniface, Garner	
E	Budget ~ Adult Env.	\$2,121.00
R	Student/Youth Env.	7.00
I	Offertory	162.76
N	Holy Days	10.00
G	Energy Rebate	122.00
S	Head Start	500.00
	Initial Offering	15.00
	Offertory for Needy	5.00
	Maintenance & Repairs	35.00
	Bequest, Gifts	30.00
		\$3,007.76

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 6

7:00 PM St. Boniface KC mtg in Spiritual Room.

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 PM St. Boniface CDA Quilt Tying in Church Hall. All welcome!

Thursday, February 9

7:00 PM St. Patrick Pastoral Council mtg in Rectory.

7:00 PM RCIA: St. James, Forest City.

Saturday, February 11

9:00 AM St. Patrick CDA Valentine's Party in Parish Hall. Bring chocolate goodies & recipe to share.

Sunday, February 12

5—7 PM St. Patrick Youth Soup Supper at Britt Methodist Church. Proceeds for Britt Food Bank.

St. Patrick FF Camp CAYOCA Fund-raiser Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 19

Serving Breakfast Burritos after Mass in St. Patrick Parish Hall. We have a group of 3rd-8th graders interested in attending Camp CAYOCA again this summer! Last year the cost was \$220 to attend the 3-night, 4 day camp. Please support our youth by attending this breakfast!

Thank You to the Catholic Parishes of Hancock County for your gift of \$1,199.84 to Opportunity Village this past Christmas. Your support is deeply appreciated!

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