

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

CATHEDRAL – WEEKDAYS, 12:00 PM

Monday: Bob Worrell

Tuesday: Colleen Dreesen

Wednesday: Mary Tadlock

Thursday: Mary Elaine O’Hara

Friday: Julie Larson

SAINT BONIFACE

Saturday, 4:00 PM: Bob Worrell

SAINT JOSEPH

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Mike Agnes

CATHEDRAL

Sunday, 10:00 AM: Romelda Thompson

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

CATHEDRAL

TOTAL 8,450

SAINT BONIFACE

TOTAL 5,539

SAINT JOSEPH

TOTAL 3,658

NEW WEBSITE

This week the newly designed website for the parish went live. Please visit www.sccathedral.org for up to date parish information. Thank you to Karmen Darwin, our Director of Evangelization, for her work on this project!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 3: Ordination at Cathedral 10am

June 4: Father Jerry Feierfeil 50th Anniversary to the Priesthood Mass at St. Boniface Church at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the church.

June 5: Eucharistic Adoration at Cathedral 9am-4pm. Epiphany Center Office is closed.

June 6: Eucharistic Adoration 5:30-6:30 pm, Evening Prayer; Rosary & Miraculous Medal 6:30-7:00 pm, Mass 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church

June 7: Epiphany Center Office Closed 1-2pm

June 7: 10am Short St. Boniface Rosary Society Meeting in the church hall.

June 21: St. Boniface Rosary Society’s Year End Potluck Picnic 6pm at Riverside park. We cordially invite our sisters of St. Joseph and Cathedral parishes to join for a great evening. Rain or shine.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday, June 3, Bishop Nickless ordained Father Andrew Galles and Father Matthew Solyntjes to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Epiphany. Father Galles has been assigned to the Cathedral as one of our parochial vicars. His assignment will begin on June 27, 2017. Father Solyntjes has been assigned as the parochial vicar of All Saints Parish in LeMars. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry for the Diocese of Sioux City.

CONGRATULATIONS

We want to wish congratulations to Father Feierfeil as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this weekend. Father Feierfeil is a native son of Saint Boniface parish. Please continue to pray for all of our priests and an increase in vocations to the priesthood!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF FATHER LINGLE AS RECTOR

On June 18th Father Lingle will celebrate his 10th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. On June 18th Bishop Nickless will formally install Father Lingle as the Rector of the Cathedral of the Epiphany during the 10am Mass. Father Lingle will make a Profession of Faith and take the Oath of Fidelity as he formally accepts this office in the Church. After Mass, everyone is invited to the parish hall for a luncheon in honor of his anniversary.

NEW COPY MACHINE

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our fundraiser for the new copy machine. It was an unexpected expense that was not part of our current budget. We have been able to raise the full amount that we needed and the new machine has been purchased and installed. Over the next month we will be redesigning worship aids and the bulletin. Stay tuned! Thank you to all that made this possible as it has eliminated a lot of stress in the office! -Father Lingle

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite all to consider joining in adoration on Mondays at Cathedral. Adoration is every Monday from 9 am to 4 pm. We would like seven more people to attend to have two people present every hour. Benediction is each week at 4pm and closes the hours. If you have any questions please call Diane at 258-6765.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A part-time housekeeper/custodian is needed for the Epiphany Center (Parish office building) and priest apartments located at Saint Boniface Church. The position's hours are flexible, approximately 15-20 per week, and pay is commensurate to skill. The key tasks of the position in the Epiphany Center include cleaning the bathrooms, hallways, and offices. At Saint Boniface Church, the key tasks are related to the apartments occupied by priests; weekly cleaning includes bathrooms, kitchens, light dusting, and laundry. For more information or to apply, please visit the Epiphany Center during regular business hours.

VOCATIONS

Take time to be aware of God's loving presence. Be open to the Holy Spirit. (John 14:23-29) Pray that our youth are open to the Spirit's invitation to be priests or live a consecrated life.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Attendance of weekly Mass does not mean that you are registered members of the parish. Being a registered, active parishioner is necessary to serve as a godparent or sponsor. Please come to the parish office to be registered or if you have, questions call 712-255-1637.

Schedules for the Month of June

Sunday Altar Servers for the 10am Mass

June 4: Frankie Moreno, Brandon Jurado, Jessica Moreno
June 11: Victoria Saldana, Jiselle Archila, Clarissa Arellano
June 18: Jack Koinzan, Brianna Martinez, Isabel Martinez
June 25: Juan Diego Moreno, Steven Munoz, Alicia Tafolla

Sunday Lectors for 10am Mass

June 4: Irma Martinez and Ron Cooper
June 11: Deidre Engel and Karen Brennan
June 18: Michael Brauer and Dana Koinzan
June 25: Noel D'Cruz and Phillip Henderson

Sunday Extraordinary Ministers for 10am Mass

June 4: Larry Fuller, John Gunia, Dan Larson, Irma Martinez, Ron Cooper
June 11: Ralph Arndt, Mollie Brauer, Andrea D'Cruz, Mary Burke
June 18: Larry Fuller, John Gunia, Dan Larson, Jesse Jurado, Noe D'Cruz
June 28: Irma Martinez, Jill McCarthy, Ron Cooper, Ralph Arndt, Mary Burke

FAREWELL TO FATHER CRONIN

Father Cronin will be leaving the parish on June 27th to begin his new assignment as parochial vicar of Saint Mary, Storm Lake; Sacred Heart, Early; Saint Joseph, Schaller; and as chaplain to Saint Mary's school. Father Cronin's final weekend of celebrating Masses in English will be June 10th and 11th. His final weekend of Masses in Spanish will be June 17th and 18th. There will be a farewell gathering on Sunday, June 11th at 2:30pm in the gymnasium of the Epiphany Center, across from the Cathedral. Please come and wish him well as he begins his new assignment and thank him for his ministry among us. This will be a potluck so feel free to bring what you would like to share.

If you would like to assist with the preparations for the Farewell, please contact Lisette in the parish office during normal business hours 712 255 1637.

Karen Brennan and Marta Ochoa are putting together a gift to thank Father Cronin for his devotion and service to the parishes. If you would like to offer a donation for this cause, please drop an envelope labeled to Karen and/or Marta's attention in any of the collections, or drop it off in the parish office across from the Cathedral during normal business hours.

MINISTRY 2025 PARISH MERGER FROM FATHER LINGLE

When Cathedral, Saint Joseph, and Saint Boniface parishes were combined last August, we began the process of merging the parishes under one parish structure. The process of merging needs to be complete at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. Now it is time for the Bishop to formally close the parishes of Saint Joseph and Saint Boniface and merge them into the Cathedral of the Epiphany. At the same time, Bishop Nickless will establish Saint Joseph and Saint Boniface as worship sites. The formal decrees for parish suppression are in the current edition of The Catholic Globe. On a practical level this means that the parishes, along with all debts and assets, are merged together while the church buildings will be used for the celebration of the sacraments, Mass, and other events in the Cathedral of the Epiphany parish as long as they are financially viable. Most people will not notice any change from our current practice.

The merger process will streamline administration and management on several levels. Despite rumors to the contrary, during the merging process the Cathedral is not taking money from Saint Joseph or Saint Boniface to pay any debt or bills. The Cathedral does not have any debt and is current with its financial obligations. Before the merging process is complete, it is our hope that we will be able to pay the school assessment that Saint Boniface parish owes to Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools. Saint Boniface has been unable to pay any of the school assessment during 2017 due to a lack of funds. Any endowments and investments will be used according to their purpose and the use of any bequests or estates will be honored as per the wishes of the donor. If we want to be successful and faithful as a parish we have to look at our stewardship of time, talent and treasure and how to best utilize these valuable resources.

Pastoral planning is a difficult reality that everyone in the Diocese of Sioux City and many other places across the country must face. The demographics of northwest Iowa have changed and we have fewer priests to serve the diocese. When you look at the very short distance between our church buildings downtown we are faced with the practical reality that in order to survive we must work together. There has been a lot of negativity and even bitterness throughout the process. Those feelings are real and we must work through them in order to grow and move forward. While we celebrate and give thanks for the legacy of our church buildings and physical plants that those who have gone before us sacrificed and built, it is now our time to step forward to build the Church in our own day and place. Perhaps this time not so much to focus on physical structures but on the critical work of spreading the Gospel.

We must move out of maintenance mode and with enthusiasm into mission!!! Over the course of the next months when our new parochial vicars are in place we will be taking a serious look at our adult and youth formation programs, evangelization, and our sick/homebound ministry. We also need to seriously consider adding one or more Masses in Spanish as we have outgrown our capacity of our current Masses. We regularly have 100-200 plus people standing in the entrance of the Cathedral for Mass in Spanish that cannot fit into the nave of the church. This is a good problem to have as it shows our growth and vitality as a parish but it also presents us with challenges that we must overcome. Over the course of the next month we will begin the process of upgrading our parish database software and moving our ministry scheduling to an online format that will give our liturgical ministers the flexibility and scheduling opportunities that our modern lives require.

We are also in the process of forming our new finance council as well as a new parish council. Both of these councils will consist of members from all three of our current parishes. As soon as we celebrate the Ordination to the Priesthood of two fine young men, I will leave for my annual retreat. When I return, I will be actively working on these councils for the parish. I thank our current and former members of these councils for their dedication and service. Some of these members have agreed to further serve on the new councils. I appreciate all of their dedication to the parishes and to the pastoral planning process.

In the next couple of months, I hope to be able to make an announcement about something very exciting for our parish that will help us deepen our faith and bring new life into our parish community. A tremendous opportunity is on the horizon for us and I am working behind the scenes to bring this to reality. I wish I could say more but I will keep you in suspense! Please pray for this endeavor and stay tuned. We are on the verge of some exciting times!

When the changes take on July 1st, I want to challenge each of us to set aside the negativity and complaining and strive to live the gospel values of faith, hope, and charity. Together as a parish community we have the ability to change the world as Christ commanded us, to make disciples of all nations. As we move through this process of change, let us keep our eyes fixed not on the passing things of this world, but on Christ, seated at the Father's right hand in glory. Let us pray for one another.

Father Lingle
Rector