



St. John the Baptist and Holy Family



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Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With this July, I begin my 10th year as pastor of St. John's and Holy Family. Some ask, "When are you going to retire?" I continually answer, "I don't know!" As long as I feel that I can do

this privileged role, or when it's obvious to you that I should hang it up, I'm happy to continue. One thing that I do not want to do is stand in the way or in any way impede our growth and development.

Thus I want to do all possible for the addition needed at Holy Family. The numbers in the Religious Education programs are much larger. The facilities for classes are woefully inadequate. Handicapped accessibility to the hall, restrooms at the church level, and extra seating for overflow crowds are all beautifully provided as we hope to add classrooms.

At St. John's, the capital campaign for funds to build a new K-5 grade school in Peosta has taken a lot of time, and energy.

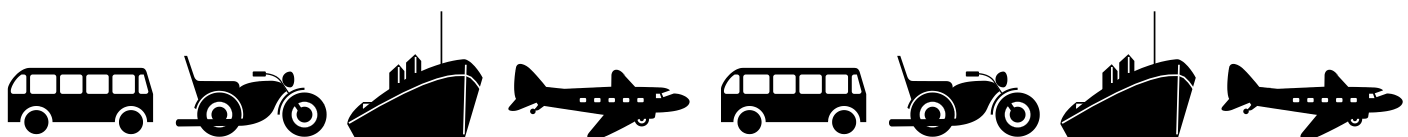
There is a high percentage of participants. Many, many thanks! Hopefully, construction upon the 15 acres generously donated by A.J. Spiegel on the corner of Cox Springs and Burds roads may get underway in the fall. The site at 1100 feet above sea level will be very visible. The building will be an efficient, modern one that could be easily expanded. Christ in the chapel will be its heart; the Holy Spirit will enkindle there the fire of love. May the Good Lord bless you all for your support.

Sincerely,

Locating Summer Mass Times When Traveling

Many of you will be taking a vacation this summer. This doesn't mean a vacation from God. To find the locations and times of masses in the area in which you will be going, go on-line to www.masstimes.org and you will be able to get the information you need.

As you travel and see things that other parishes are doing, if you think they are good ideas, bring them back and share them with us.



Note from Marybeth Wagner

St. John's Director of Religious Education



THANK YOU!

We celebrated this year's parish Religious Education program with a mass and recognition activities on Wednesday, April 30. It was a great year, and we are very appreciative of the dedicated service of all those who made the program possible. I would like to thank everyone who helped, including:

- Fr. Kuhn, for his support and help with celebration of the liturgies and the sacraments;
- the Board of Education: Mike Sullivan, Ann Fagerlind, Jessica Krapfl, Vicki Mulert, Scott Recker, and Sue Webber;
- our grade-level catechists and helpers: Mindy Smith, Susan Pettinicchio, Jen and John Lembezeder, Denise Switzer, Kristin Helle, Tina Schwendinger, Tod Wolter, Mike Sullivan, Cindy McAndrew, Abby Ball, JoAnn Roberts, Bonnie Spiegel, Tom Schieltz, Sandra McLaughlin, Kathy Manders, Barb Weber, Nichole Kraft, Deb Allen, Ann Decker, Denise Udelhofen, and Mary Bastian;
- those who were substitutes, who helped otherwise with the program on Wednesday evenings and/or

with the confirmation retreat, or who provided resource help: Dee Gaul, Deb Hash, Cindy Switzer; Sheri Kuhlman, Julie Banigan, Jim Leick, Mike and Nancy Nelson, Jayne Curtis, Adam Sullivan, Mary Kay and Dennis Weber, Lorie Riniker and Sue Sullivan;

- the musicians, lectors, altar servers, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers for our liturgies;
- high school students who provided child care during parent meetings and the parish Mission;
- all parents, family members, and friends who chaperoned on field trips and all who ensured that the children and youth were able to participate in the program; and
- everyone who prayed for and supported the program in many different ways.

It takes the help of many to share God's Word with our children and our youth.

Thank you all for your service. May the peace of Our Lord be with each of you.

Rainforest Adventure Vacation Bible School

Join us for *Rainforest Adventure Vacation Bible School* daily, Monday – Friday, June 23-27, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – noon at St. John the Baptist Church in Peosta! Registration forms are available in the back of church at St. John's and at Holy Family. Deadline for registration is June 16th. However, space is limited so don't wait to sign up.

If you would be interested in helping with Vacation Bible School

this year, please contact Kay Goedken (879-3164) or Marybeth Wagner (582-4217).

Wanted: Names of People Who Will Be New to RE Program This Fall

Do you have a child or know of someone new to the parish who will be enrolling in the parish Religious Education program this fall? If so, please contact Marybeth Wagner with his/her name so that we might plan for classes for this fall.

Help Needed

Parish Religious Education Program Help Needed for 2008-2009

We are in the process of making plans for our parish Religious Education program for 2008-09 which will start again in early September. We are very appreciative of the number of catechists (teachers) who are coming back next year. However, we do have some open spots, so our #1 priority at this moment is finding people to help us out in the classroom and in several other areas. We need people to help out as teachers, as classroom helpers, with welcoming students on Wednesday evenings, with large group activities, with prayers, and with service projects.

Any adults and senior high school youth interested in helping in any way with our 1-10 grade Religious Education program are asked to contact Marybeth Wagner, parish Director of Religious Education. We can use people for year-long positions

and for short-term positions. Please ask yourself how you can contribute to sharing the message of Jesus with our children and our youth.

2008-2009 Religious Education Program

The first day of our 2008-09 Religious Education program will be on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the church, and after a welcome and introduction program, students will go with their catechists and helpers to the area where their grade level classes will be held for this next year. Classes will go until 7:45 p.m. After a brief meeting with parents, they will be invited to visit their child(ren)'s classroom(s).

Registrations for the Parish Religious Education program will take place after weekend masses in Shannon Hall in August. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

Adults: Opportunity to Learn More About the Bible

On Wednesday, September 3, 2008, we will be having an in-service for all catechists and helpers for Religious Education programs in our area. It will be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All adults are invited to join us for the presentation by Joe Paprocki, author of *God's Library – A Catholic Introduction to the World's Greatest Book*.

2008-2009 First Reconciliation Dates

Parents' Meeting

A meeting for parents/guardians of children of St. John the Baptist Parish (both Seton students and Parish RE students) who will be preparing to make their First Reconciliation this year will be held at St. John the Baptist Church in Peosta on Monday evening, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation Retreat

Participants may choose to attend the retreat on Saturday, November 15 or Sunday, November 16.

Celebration of First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2008

2008-09 Confirmation Preparation Dates

Confirmation Orientation Meeting

On Wednesday, October 1, there will be a Confirmation Orientation meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the church for all 10th grade St. John's Parish youth who will be preparing to be confirmed and their parents/guardians.

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat will be held Sunday, October 26, 2008.

Dates of Events for High School Youth

- Sunday, November 9, 2008: Archdiocesan Youth Rally at Five Sullivan Brothers center in Waterloo.
- First 2008-2009 TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat for high school seniors will be November 22-24, 2008 at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids.

—*Marybeth Wagner, DRE*

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Faith Practices to Do This Summer

- Go to Sunday Mass
- Say your prayers every day
- Pray before meals
- Pray the rosary
- Find ways to help at home
- Find ways to help others outside your home
- Visit the chapel

Have a safe and fun summer!

Eucharistic Adoration

by Ruth Fransen



"I...encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God, thanks to Him who is with us until the end of time."

—**Pope John Paul II**

"Today in the U.S. there are 644 chapels where Jesus is exposed twenty-four hours around the clock for the adoration of the faithful. Another 6,605 chapels have partial adoration hours. This is a great blessing for our country and for each of us individually. Each adoration chapel is like an oasis of peace in a busy, hectic world. All we need to do is walk in and be still, and we will begin to feel that Our Lord Himself is there, personally present, all powerful and all good, waiting to listen to all we have to say."

—**Pamphlet: Be Still and Know that I Am God**

Over ten years ago some young families came to realize the importance and benefits of Eucharistic Adoration. They felt that they were

being called to start it at St. John the Baptist Parish. So after talking it over with Fr. Carl Manternach, the pastor at that time, they began with an hour once a week on Monday. Very faithfully they came on Monday nights from 7-8 p.m., young and old. Sometimes the chapel was very full.

In 2006 there was a suggestion to offer the Monday Eucharistic Adoration for a longer period of time during Lent. It didn't take long for enough people to take an hour of Adoration so it could be extended from after Mass in the morning until 8 p.m. When Lent was over, it was so successful that most of the people wanted to continue. There are a number of people on the substitution list so if someone is unavailable for a while or an emergency arises, there is no problem for someone to fill in for them.

In 2004 a family who had lived in Pennsylvania told Fr. Kuhn about the First Friday and First Saturday Vigil they had attended there and he agreed to try it here. After the first service from Friday Mass at 8 p.m. to the Saturday Mass at 5 a.m., it seemed wise to shorten up the time between the Masses and have Eucharistic Adoration after the Mass until Midnight, and then offer the First Saturday Mass instead of the early morning hour. The number of people attending varies each month, but Fr. Kuhn looks forward to it.

Here are some quotes from those who participate:

"I'm going to be gone for 2

months, but just sub for me. I don't want to lose my 'hour'. I just love it."

"It's my favorite day of the week. I don't mind if someone is a little bit late. I just love doing my hour."

"We really enjoy it. We are retired, but just the same, when my husband can come with me we make it a sort of a 'date' day. After Adoration we go out for breakfast and do some errands together. It's a very special day for us."

A preschooler complained, *"Mom, you forgot to take me to church today."*

"I can just be with Jesus and tell Him how much I love Him."

"It makes me feel happy, like Jesus is right there watching over me." — Comment from a 10 year old

All in our parish are welcome to participate.

For more information contact:

Ruth Fransen
Phone: 588-1192

Note from Kay Goedken

Holy Family's Director of Religious Education



Holy Family has had another successful year of Religious Education. This year we attended classes every other week on Sunday from 9:15-11:00 am, starting with Sunday liturgy at 8:30. This time has worked well for families in our parish. Youth Group meets once a month on Sunday night at the Monastery from 6:30-8:30 pm. This

group consist of 7th -10th grade. Next year we will be adding sessions for 11th and 12th grade also. Our goal is to provide opportunities for those already confirmed to stay involved in their parish community through education, service, ministry, and social events.

Classes for next fall will start on Sunday, September 7. The schedule will be posted on St. John's website (www.stjohnspeosta.org). Anyone new to the parish whose children are in preschool thru 10th grade who wish to enroll in Religious Education class can do so by contacting Kay Goedken. Registrations forms will be sent out to all students in August.

Thank you to all the catechists who give of their time and talent to teach

in our program. This is a very dedicated group of people who have taught for many years. Holy Family parish community appreciates all their efforts.

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's on Monday June 23-June 27. The theme this year will be the *Rain Forest Adventure*. It will be held from 9:00 until 12:00 Monday-Friday. Children age 5-12 are invited to join us. Registration sheets are available in the back of St. John's and Holy Family churches.

Kay Goedken

Director Religious Education

Holy Family Parish

Ph: (563) 879-3164

Blood Drive

St. John's will be sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, June 23 from 3-7 p.m. in Shannon Hall. Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is a non-profit agency that supplies blood to our local hospitals. Sign up will be after Masses in June. To sign up early or if you have any questions, please call Bill or Ann Jantsch at 582-3182.

Training for New Altar Servers at St. John's

Note from Sr. Kent

Any students (boys and girls) who will be in the 4th-8th grades this fall who would like to train to be altar servers for **St. John the Baptist Parish** are asked to meet with Sr. Kent in the chapel at St. John's after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 2 or after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 3. It is important that you regularly attend mass and that you are available to serve when assigned.

First Eucharist

St. John's

March 30, 2008

Auna Allen

William Allman

Nathan Bastian

Chloe Baumgartner

Quinn Baumhover

Peyton Bennett

Jared Boleyn

Anika Brehm

Sam Conlan

Austin Curl

Jaydee Curtis

Drew Daly

Brandon Frick

Ryan Gasper

Adam Goetz

Hunter Hancock

Ashley Heidersheit

Tate Herbst

Jonathon Kluesner

Lauren Krapfl

Jordan Lake

Cassidy Loffa

Madeline Luber

Jon Ludovissy

Emily McAuliffe

Jennifer McCarron

Molly Mulert

Zachary Olsem

Lauren Pettinicchio

Alexis Recker

Eric Recker

Jenna Roling

Michael Roth

Samantha Sahn

Abigail Schieltz

Elizabeth Schieltz

Alyssa Sindt

Joseph Smith

Jamie Straka

Madalyn Switzer

Shyla Thurston

Blake Tucker

Kara Turnis

Emily Weber

Andrew Welty

Audrey Welty

Avery Wickham

Carleigh Wickham



Holy Family

April 27, 2008

McKenzie Capesius

Madison Foust

Tori Freiburger

Joseph Kiernan

Matthew Kiernan

Abbie Ruggeberg

Emily Schollmeyer

Caleb Weber

Confirmation

St. John's and Holy Family

April 12, 2008

Jacqueline Banigan

Cali Botsford

Owen Brehm

Kaela Coleman

Alisha Daly

Elizabeth Drees

Tricia English

James Fagerlind

Jacob Fischer

Shane Gansen

Carley Gaul

Sara Green

Holly Hartman

Rebekah Hoeger

Lindsey Kane

Sarah Kelzer

Phillip Knepper

Kathryn Koetz

Taylor Lake

Cody Lawler

Lauren Lewey

David Martin

Haley Mausser

Anthony McAndrew

Amber McDermott

Amber Meyer

Megan Moeller

Amy Peiffer

Robert Petsche

Erica Pirc

Tory Puetz

Alycia Recker

Rebecca Redmond

Ryne Richman

Amber Schollmeyer

Rebekah Thielen

Sarah Thielen

Jessica Webber

Kaleena Weber

Nicole Weber

Kayla Winchell

New Parishioners

St. John's

December 15, 2007 - May 15, 2008

Tami and Dan Conzett

20112 East Pleasant Grove Rd.

Peosta, IA 52068

Entry Date: 1/30/2008

Richard and Sue Ertmer

14674 N. Cascade Road

Dubuque, IA 52004

Entry Date: 1/2/2008

Mary and Steve Koehler

17775 Middle Road

Dubuque, IA 52002

Entry Date: 4/18/2008

Kevin and Susie Cornwell

925 Cassandra Drive

Peosta, IA 52068

Entry Date: 3/14/2008

John and Debra Gau

386 Lezlie Drive

Peosta, IA 52068

Entry Date: 1/30/2008

Nathan and Rebecca Moonen

105 3rd Avenue, SW

Farley, IA 52046

Entry Date: 12/31/07

Vicky and Joe Stelzer

10561 Skylark Drive

Peosta, IA 52068

Entry Date: 1/23/2008

Holy Family

December 15, 2007 - May 15, 2008

James and Penny Veach

14704 Ryan Road

Peosta, IA 52068

Entry Date: May 15, 2008

Baptisms

St. John's

December 15, 2007 - May 15, 2008

Carter Bahschnitt

Kenneth and Tiffany Bahschnitt
Birth: 5/2/2008
Baptism: 5/10/2008

Rebecca Bergfeld

David and Alicia Bergfeld
Birth: 11/12/2007
Baptism: 2/24/2008

Ethan Hickie

Brian and Kara Hickie
Birth: 11/28/2007
Baptism: 1/13/2008

Drew Horsfall

Ken and Tracey Horsfall
Birth: 11/14/2007
Baptism: 12/29/2007

Ayden Kelleher

Jeff and Karissa Kelleher
Birth: 1/19/2008
Baptism: 5/10/2008

Shea Schrobilgen

Eric and Shannon Schrobilgen
Birth: 1/29/2008
Baptism: 3/16/2008

Brady Shekleton

Travis and Tiffany Shekleton
Birth: 12/6/2007
Baptism: 1/13/2008

Madelyn Simon

Mark and Jennifer Simon
Birth: 4/3/2008
Baptism: 5/10/2008

Haydan Williams

Christopher and Theresa Williams
Birth: 12/5/2007
Baptism: 4/20/2008

Gabriella McDermott

Amber McDermott
Birth: 11/10/2007
Baptism: 2/2/2008

Holy Family

December 15, 2007 - May 15, 2008

Emma Marie Noonan

Andrew and Shannon Noonan
Birth: 11/6/2007
Baptism: 1/12/2008

Grace Mary Merfeld

Tanya and Jon Merfeld
Birth: 12/2/2007
Baptism: 2/9/2008



Weddings

St. John's

December 15, 2007 - May 17, 2008



Emily Klein and Thomas Shedek
Married: May 17, 2008



Burials

St. John's

December 15, 2007 - May 15, 2008

† **Harvey F. Blosch**
Died: February 19, 2008

† **Mary K. Maas**
Died: March 1, 2008

† **Delores Weydert**
Died: March 21, 2008

Holy Family

December 15, 2007 - May 15, 2008

† **Carol M. Lynch**
Died: December 29, 2007

† **Nettie P. Theisen**
Died: January 17, 2008

† **William A. Brehm**
April 26, 2008

St. John's Rosary Society Members Circle Assignments 2008-2009

St. Gerard

Mike & Julie Bennett
Recruits: Andy & Lisa Wickham

St. Jude

Jeremy & Brenda Fangman
Recruits: Jeff & Sarah Kintzle

St. John

Larry & Becky Kremer
Recruits: Neal & Sandy Ludovissy

St. Theresa

Chris & Molly Baumhover
Recruits: Todd & Diane Stecklein

St. Francis

Jeff & Jennifer Webber
Recruits: Todd & Jill Rothenberger

Bonus Couples

Tom & Teri Straka
Recruits: Jamie & Kristin Kluesner

St. Ann

Russ & Natalie Nieman
Recruits: Rick & Nancy Olsem

Travis & Tiffany Shekleton

Recruits: Bill & Molly Rauen

Event Heads for 2008-2009

Auction

Russ & Natalie Nieman
Jeff & Jennifer Webber
Travis & Tiffany Shekleton

Sweetheart Dinner

Mike & Julie Bennett
Chris & Molly Baumhover

Fish Fry

Larry & Becky Kremer
Jeremy & Brenda Fangman
Tom & Teri Straka

Save the Date!

Upcoming Parish Events

St. John's

- June 8 St. John's / Holy Family Parish Council Dinner
- June 13 Centralia / Peosta Emergency Services, Fire & Rescue Steak Fry, Shannon Hall
- June 22 St. John's Family Fun Event Dyersville Pool 7-9 pm – no cost to swim, concessions will be available.
- June 23-27 Vacation Bible School **Rainforest Adventure**
- TBD Mass Server's Trip will be to the Lost Island Water Park in Waterloo – no date yet.
- Sept. 10 Parish RE classes begin
- Oct. 19 St. John's Auction
- Dec. 7 First Reconciliation
- Feb. 14 Sweetheart Dinner
- March 6 Fish Fry

Holy Family

- June 23- 27 Vacation Bible School at St. John's
- August 31 Teacher Inservice - Bishop's Noon
- Sept. 7 Religious Education Classes Begin
- Sept. 14 Grandparents' Day Liturgy and Brunch
- Oct. 5 Right To Life Liturgy - Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 25 World Youth Day Liturgy and Pizza Party
- Nov. 9 Parish Auction
- Nov. 30 Thanksgiving Liturgy and Food Drive
- Dec. 7 First Reconciliation
- Dec. 14 Angel Tree Gifts - Youth Group Play Practice
- Dec. 21 Advent Liturgy - Social

Kid's Corner



Q. Where does the gingerbread man sleep?

A. Under a cookie sheet.

Q. What did the sick baby banana say to its mother?

A. I don't peel good!

Q. What do you call cattle with a sense of humor?

A. Laughing stock.

Q. Who invented King Arthur's round table?

A. Sir Circumference!

In the Spotlight

Fred Bries
Holy Family Parish Council President

With this issue of our newsletter, we would like to shine the spotlight on **Fred Bries**. Fred has served as a chairperson on the Holy Family Parish Council for the past three years. Fred married Elaine Gansen in 1972 at St. Joe's on the Prairie. Fred and Elaine became members of Holy Family when St. Joe's on the Prairie closed around 20 years ago.



Fred and Elaine's children are Lori (Bries) Edwards, married to Jason Edwards of Bernard; Angel (Bries) Hazelwood, married to Brent Hazelwood of Maysville, North Carolina; and Andy Bries married to Tara (and father of Cooper) of Akron, Ohio.

Fred graduated from Western Dubuque High School. He attended Clarke College as an adult student and received an associates degree in business management in 2001. He is employed at John Deere Dubuque Works as a welding engineer. His wife, Elaine, is employed at Medical Associates.

In addition to serving on the Holy Family Parish Council, Fred also serves as an usher and a Eucharistic Minister for the parish.

What Fred likes most about the Holy Family parish is the friendliness of the country parish, the eagerness of the community to work together, the pride of the parishioners, and the wonderful priests that serve the community.

Seton Capital Campaign Prayer Our Faith, Our Hope, Our Future

Lord, we come to you in faith,
ready to respond to the needs
of our parishes and our school.

Building the Kingdom of God on earth
is Your will and our work.

Bless our efforts and open our
hearts to be generous,
because of our love for You.

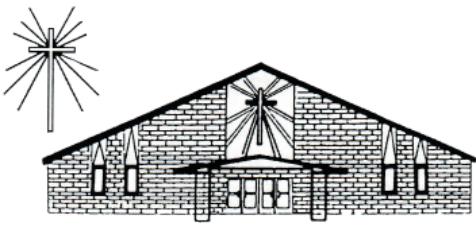
May we give freely with true generosity.
O God of courage and strength empower us.

Holy Spirit, help us carry out
Your plan for our campaign.

“Our Faith, Our Hope, Our Future”

May Your goodness be upon us
and grant success to the work of our hands.

We ask this through, Jesus Christ,
Our Lord. Amen.



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