

# Spires of Faith Cluster

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## St. Francis Xavier Basilica

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

**St. Francis, Dyersville:**  
Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sun.: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am  
Archdiocesan Latin Mass 12:00 pm

**St. Joseph, Earlville:** Sunday: 8:00am

**St. Boniface, New Vienna:**  
Sunday: 10:00 am

**Sts. Peter & Paul, Petersburg:**  
Saturday: 7:00 pm

**St. Paul, Worthington:** Sunday: 9:00 am

## Prayer Chain

SpirePrayers@AOL.com  
or call: 563-875-8806

## Sacrament of Penance

**St. Francis:** Saturday 4:00-4:30pm  
After the 6:30am morning Masses  
Before the 5:15pm Mass on Wed.  
Before the 8:30am Mass on First Fri.

**St. Joseph:** 7:30am before Sun. Mass

## St. Peter & Paul & St. Boniface

Before the Saturday Mass

**St. Paul** 8:15am before Sun. Mass

*Communal Penance Services are offered in Advent and Lent.*

## Sacrament of Baptism

**New parents** are required to participate in Pre-baptism instructions, preferably in the first six months of pregnancy.

## Sacrament of Marriage

For those who are free to marry, marriage preparation takes at least six months. Contact a priest for further information.

## Confirmation

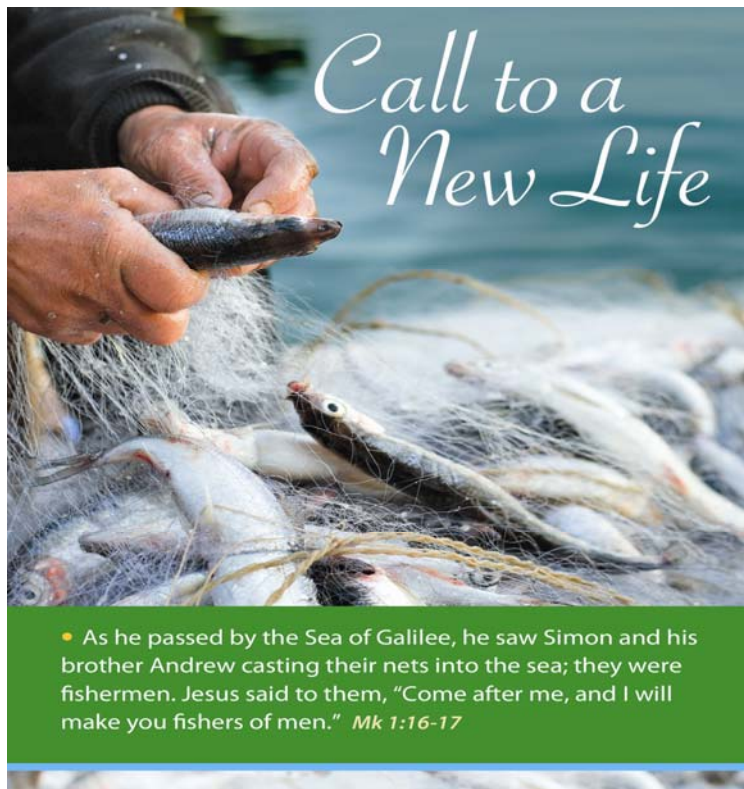
Preparation is a 2 year process. Students must be enrolled in Faith Formation or Catholic schools for two years. The intensive preparation is a one year process, typically part of one's sophomore year. Contact a parish office for further details.

## Anointing of the Sick

Area residents of care centers are anointed regularly. This sacrament is also offered twice each year during Mass in our churches. If you are anticipating surgery, are homebound, or experiencing declining health, contact one of our parish offices. Also notify us if you are hospitalized.

## Holy Orders

The Archdiocese of Dubuque offers formation for priesthood candidates at Loras College in Dubuque for men at least 18 years old. Candidates for the permanent diaconate must be 35. Visit with one of the priests for details.



• As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." *Mk 1:16-17*

# LITURGIES

D-St. Francis • E-St. Joseph • NV-St. Boniface  
P-Petersburg • W-St. Paul

## Monday: DAY OF PENANCE

6:30 am D For All Souls  
7:30 am NV Domeyer Family

## Tuesday: St. Frances de Sales

6:30 am D Special Intention  
7:30 am NV Earl Wessels

## Wednesday: Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 am W Kenneth "Dutch" Nauman  
8:30 am P Gomer, Ellen & Pat Domeyer  
5:15 pm D Herbert & Wilma Burkle

## Thursday: Sts. Timothy & Titus

6:30 am D Germaine Fendell  
8:30 am NV Gerald Klostermann  
8:00 am E For All Souls

## Friday: St. Angela Merici

7:30 am W Don Burlage  
7:30 am P Scott Tauke  
8:30 am D Al & Harriet Goerd

## Saturday/Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm D Lois Hoeger,  
Herbert & Martha Weidemann  
7:00 pm P Ryan Langel  
7:00 am D For the People  
8:00 am E Arlene Ronnebaum,  
Special Intention  
8:30 am D Howard Fettkether  
9:00 am W Leon & Margaret White  
10:00 am NV For the People  
10:30 am D Joe Sellner  
12:00 pm D Archdiocesan Latin Mass

## We extend our sympathy and prayers

to the family of: Robert Schuster  
Elmer Willenborg

## Weekly Readings ■ Jan. 22-29

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20  
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/  
Mk 16:15-18  
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/  
Mk 1:21-28

# Spires of Faith Parishes

## Sunday, Jan. 22:

**DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM** preview will be held after the 5:00 pm, 8:30 and 10:30 Masses this weekend in Xavier Church Hall, Dyersville. Individuals and couples are welcome. For more details see below.

## Monday, Jan. 23:

**7:15-8:15 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Convent Chapel (D)

**DAY OF PENANCE** † Attendance at Mass, fasting, prayers, and other types of good works are encouraged in reparation for the violations of the dignity through acts of murder, abortion, etc.

**6:00 pm A Pro-Life Rosary** will be offered at the Basilica, Dyersville. All are invited to participate.

## Tuesday, Jan. 24:

**8:00 am—2:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at the Beckman Chapel (D).

**6:30 pm RCIA** session will be held in Xavier Church Hall. Discussion topic will be Confirmation

## Wednesday, Jan. 25:

**3:45-4:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at the Convent Chapel (D)

**6:00 pm Bible Study** in Xavier School.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** ~ Dyersville: 6:45-8:00 pm grades 1-10; Earlville: 5:45-7:00 pm grades 1-6; 7:15-8:30 pm grades 7-12

## Thursday, Jan. 26:

**8:00 am-10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at the Convent Chapel (D).

**7:00 pm BINGO** in Xavier Church Hall (D). Jackpot \$300 every week.

## Friday, Jan. 27:

**7:30-8:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Convent Chapel (D).

## Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 28/29:

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS.** Students will be providing many of the ministries at Masses in our cluster parishes.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO THE OMELET BREAKFAST AT HENNESSEY SCHOOL,** New Vienna on Sunday, Jan. 29, serving from 8:00—12 noon.

**DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY IS ABOUT MORE THAN MONEY.** Spires of Faith Cluster will host a Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Program beginning Monday, Feb. 6 at 7:00 pm in Xavier Church Hall, and run for 13 weeks. If you can't join us for the free preview this weekend (held after the 5:00 pm or 8:30, 10:30 am Masses in Xavier Church basement, Dyersville), couples or individuals may still register by contacting the Xavier parish office or by going to [DaveRamsey.com](http://DaveRamsey.com). For more information call Jerry McGrane at 875-9057.



## CANCELLATIONS

~ WINTER ~

For announcements regarding cancellation of parish Masses or activities, watch KCRG Channel 9 or listen to KDST 99.3 FM, Dyersville or KMCH 94.7, Manchester.

## Pro-Life Corner:

Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI has stated numerous times that there is no greater work to be done that to defend innocent life, and "woe to us if we fail". Our future depends on it, the future of our nation depends on it, and the future of our souls could depend on it.

# From Fr. Diehm

Dear Parishioners,

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." These unmistakable words come to us from the Declaration of Independence, the historic document that marks the beginning of the United States of America as a sovereign nation independent of British rule.

This Sunday we observe the 39th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe V. Wade, which effectively legalized abortion in the United States on January 22nd, 1973. This decision stands in stark contrast to the ideals found in the above quote from the Declaration of Independence. Hundreds of thousands of protestors will be in Washington D.C. tomorrow, Monday, January 23rd, as part of the national March for Life to protest the grave offenses against life which have been perpetrated by abortion providers and other pro-choice advocates.

The day is a solemn one. It's a stark reminder that much more needs to be done to protect innocent and defenseless human life at its earliest stages. And not only that, but much more needs to be done to promote and insure respect for all human life, both born and pre-born. Tomorrow, we in the Church observe will observe Monday January 23rd as a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. All other rights only make sense in the light of the fundamental right to life. And so let us pray for a greater respect for all life, from conception to natural death.

## MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

37 junior high, 14 high school students and 25 adults from Beckman and surrounding parishes, schools and colleges left Saturday night to travel to Washington D.C. for the "March for Life" on Monday. Please pray for a spiritual, educational & safe journey.

**A BAPTISMAL CLASS** will be held on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:00 pm at Xavier Church basement, Dyersville. Please call a parish office to register. First time parents are required to attend a class prior to the baptism of their child.

**ARCHBISHOP HANUS ASKS YOUR HELP**~Archbishop Jerome Hanus, OSB, has designated a Task Force to study and recommend an Archdiocesan Communications plan. The Task Force has created a short 6 minute survey in which parishioners select their communication preferences and technology access. Please share this survey link with family members age 13 and older. For a paper copy to complete, call the Pastoral Center at 563-556-2580. Your input is very important. Deadline is Feb. 6. Please go to the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CommParishioner>.

# Basilica of St. Francis Xavier

## SFX PARISH THIS WEEK:

- **Tuesday, 3:00 pm Children's Choir Practice**  
6:30 pm Basilica Choir Rehearsal
- **Thursday, 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice**
- **During the 5:00 pm Saturday & 10:30 am Sunday Masses** ~ Children, ages 3-7, are invited to participate in the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**. Father will call you forward.
- **Our JANUARY CARE & SHARE COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses Jan. 28/29 and will be for Kids Against Hunger.**

**BASILICA FUND CORRECTION** ~ A Memorial to the Basilica Fund given in memory of Peter & Jacob Fangman was given from their grandparents, Gerald & Karen Bries, for steeple lighting at the Basilica. Sorry for the error.

## 2012 CIRCLE EVENTS ARE BEING FINALIZED.

Calls will be going out soon for leaders for the March 23rd Fish Fry (circles 4 & 5 will host). Please say yes when you are called.

**GENERAL CHAIR ARE STILL NEEDED AS 2012 CIRCLE EVENTS BEGIN.** Think about giving of your time to help organize these events. Give the office a call for more details!

**RAFFLE WINNERS** this weekend are Taylor Lien, Sheldon, IA and Linda Fangmann, Dyersville.

**IF YOU WISH YOUR NAME NOT LISTED IN THE 2011 FINANCIAL SUMMARY** in the upcoming Newsletter, please call or stop in the parish office by Feb. 1st.

## Finances

Budget received .....	\$ 22,242.80
Offertory .....	\$ 1,093.63
Children .....	\$ 10.00
NEEDED FISCAL YEAR 7/1/11—1/15/12 .....	\$ 696,000.00
Received .....	\$ 697,624.78
Short .....	+ \$ 1,624.78
PARISH DEBT .....	\$ 155,000.00
DEBT TO BASILICA FUND .....	\$ 223,000.00

**THE HAITI MISSION TEAM LEAVES FEB. 7TH:** Collecting and packing has begun. Items needed include adult and children's vitamins (Mercy Pharmacy has \$4.00 bottles available), cough syrup, Ibuprofen (chewable or syrup for children), analgesics, gauze and tape bandaging; back packs and Crocks/sturdy sandals. Cash donations also help in many ways; to purchase non-fat powdered milk for the babies, over the counter meds and other needs. Our 2nd check-in bag will be \$30. (\$300 for the group.) Mass Intentions can be sent - \$5.00 each suggested. Thank you for your continued support. Items/donations may be dropped at the Dyersville parish office or contact one of the team members; Fr. Dennis Quint, Mary Thole, Jan & Katie Pirc, Deacon Jim & Joan Steger, Brett Schlarmann, James Goldsmith, Shirley Oiberding and Cookie Scherrman.

## St. Joseph

**2011 INDIVIDUAL BUDGET STATEMENTS** where mailed out this past week. If you did not receive your statement or if there is a discrepancy or if you have any other questions feel free to call the parish office. If no one answers, leave a message and your call will be returned.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** begins next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Faith, Academics, Service". We will have students from our Catholic schools taking part in our Sunday liturgy.

**PHONE NUMBERS** If your cell phone is your main phone service, please let the parish office know so we can update our records. Feel free to call and leave a message, or drop a note in the collection basket with your name and cell phone number.

**DISHES AND BAKEWARE** If you brought food to a funeral dinner or to a parish fish fry in 2011, please stop in Dunkel Hall to make sure you picked up your pan. There are a number of pans that have been there for quite a while and we would like to have them cleared out, soon.

### LAY MINISTERS ■ JANUARY 29, 2012

Students from our Catholic Schools will fulfill many of these ministries. Any additional help will be called.

#### Finances

Budget received 1-15-2012	\$ 1,578.00
Weekly Adult Budget needed	\$ 2,019.00
Offertory	\$ 89.60
Youth	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 200.00
Fiscal YTD Adult Budget Needed	\$ 58,551.00
Fiscal YTD Adult Budget Received	\$ 58,406.19
YTD	-\$ 144.81

## St. Paul

### LITURGICAL ROLES ■ SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

Servers: Nicole White/Jacob Shady/William Jurgens  
Greeters: Brian & Betsy Kramer  
Ushers: Don Even/Don Demmer/Mark Gaul/Mike Even  
Lector: Sophia Schuster/Jadon Corkery/Matt Lapena  
Ministers: Patricia White/Brent Manternach/Herb & Mary Recker/Marie Thier  
Music: -----  
Scrip: Karol Digmann/Karen White  
Recorders: Joan Meyer/Mike Gravel

### WORTHINGTON SENIOR CITIZEN MEAL:

Wednesday, Jan. 25th.  
Menu: meatloaf, au-gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruited jell-o with toppings.  
Entertainment: Cards will be played in the afternoon.  
RSVP to 875-2600 or 855-5004 before 9 am.

**WORTHINGTON CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS (COF) COURT #607**, will sponsor an open gym and the **STATE COURT BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT** for all youth members on Saturday, Feb. 4th from 1 - 3 p.m. at St. Paul School/Gib Gym. Please come and have fun. For more information, please call Julie Bries or Paul Engler.

#### Finances

Tithe .....	\$ 1,020.00
Offertory .....	\$ 92.56
Youth .....	\$ 5.00
Energy Collection.....	\$ 372.80
YTD Needed 7-01-11 to 1-15-12 .....	\$ 162,001.56
YTD Received 7-01-11 to 1-15-12 .....	\$ 147,564.45
YTD Short .....	-\$ 14,437.11
Parish Debt .....	\$ 89,809.07

## SPIRES OF FAITH CLUSTER PARISHES

**SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED OR DIVORCING CATHOLICS** ~ An informational meeting and registration opportunity will be held on Monday, Jan. 23, 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, Manchester. Divorce & Beyond is open to Catholic adults who are experiencing divorce and is a facilitated, small group, 10-week process of self-healing and support. The first night in the 10-week session will be Jan. 30th. For more information contact Janice Loecke: dbq123n@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us; LuAnn McQuillen: luwanda68@hotmail.com; Janet Leonard:

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, MANCHESTER, INVITES YOU TO A SOUP SUPPER** on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. Serving chicken noodle soup, chili, homemade bread and relishes in the parish center.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST** is held this Sunday, Jan. 22, 8:00-12:00 pm at St. Mary Parish Center, Manchester. All proceeds benefit pro-life activities and organizations.

**AMERICAN MARTYRS RETREAT HOUSE, CEDAR FALLS, IS SPONSORING A WOMEN'S RETREAT** on Feb. 24-26. Theme: Questions Jesus asks of you! With director peter Loving. Contact AMRH for more information 319-266-3543.

**DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS HOCKEY SPONSORS SPIRES OF FAITH CLUSTER NIGHT** on Saturday, Mar. 31. For tickets contact: Lisa Burkle, 875-2779, Linda Goldsmith, 923-6625, Becky Lansing, 875-7427 or Lynne Radabaugh, 875-7184. Tickets are \$8.50.

## Sts. Peter & Paul

### Finances

Budget	\$	380.00
Offertory	\$	70.53
Insurance	\$	80.54
Other	\$	95.00

**THANK YOU:** SS. Peter & Paul Parish is very grateful to Donald "Gomer" Domeyer for many things, but in particular for making the parish the beneficiary of his insurance in excess of \$30,000. May we take this opportunity to invite other members of the parish to designate the parish for at least a portion of their will, insurance, or other assets. Without such gifts our parish would be in very serious financial trouble. In no way does it remove the responsibility of all parishioners to support their parish. Thank you Gomer!

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** The Altar & Rosary Society provides a great benefit to our parish by raising money at Bake Sales throughout the year to fund the care of the church interior. All women of the parish are considered members. Your yearly dues of \$5.00 and your contributions of baked goods for each of the Bake Sales help our parish a lot. The next Bake Sale will be held at the Fish Fry on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. We would really appreciate your baked goods and you can even pay your 2012 dues at the Bake Sale too.

## St. Boniface

### Finances

Budget	\$	2,465.00
Offertory	\$	87.12
Insurance	\$	63.10
Other	\$	95.00

### QUILTS FOR THE 2012 LABOR DAY PICNIC:

Quilting begins Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and we can use anybody's help – whether or not you know how to quilt. If you would like to donate a quilt top or quilting supplies, please contact Karen Ries 875-8109 or Annette Williams 921-2013. Also keep in mind items for the craft booth are also needed.

### OFFERING OF MASSES:

All our priests of the Cluster try to schedule Masses so people may know when the Masses are offered for the intention of the donor. We are under obligation to offer Masses received ordinarily within a year, unless otherwise stipulated by the donor. There are times when a given Mass may not be said due to illness, being called away from the parish, etc. If possible, here at Petersburg and New Vienna, I will try to reschedule the Mass, though this may not always be possible, or I will offer that Mass where I am. In other cases, I may need to forward the Mass offering to another priest. If this policy does not meet with your approval, please come to see me so we may mutually work out some other arrangement. My main concern is that the Mass(es) be offered. Fr. O'Connor

### LAY SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 7:00 PM (P):** Servers – Jenna & Amber Bonert. Lector – Kylie Kruse. Communion Ministers – Dale Boeckenstedt, Darla Budden, Lois Kruse, Rick & Karen Domeyer, Andy & Krystal Smith, Ally Whitsell. Gifts – John & Colleen Bonert. Ushers – Mike Bildstein, Roger Engelken, Larry Kruse.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29, 10:00 AM (NV):** Servers – Paige Hollenback, Kelli Engelken. Lector – Carmen Kluesner. Communion Ministers – Susan Recker, Staci Langel, Charles Vaske, Carol & Michaela Schneiter, Karen Steger, Mary Westhoff.

**FROZEN PIE SALES:** SS. Peter & Paul Parish is preparing for two frozen pie sales in 2012. The first pie-making day will be the evening of Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Per pie cost is \$9.00. Green order forms are in the back of churches (P, NV & E). Place completed order forms in the designated area in the back of church. You may also place your order by calling Kris Osterhaus 875-9134. Thank you for your continued support of SS. Peter & Paul Parish.

**PIE DONATIONS:** Anyone wishing to donate fruit or other ingredients/items for the pie sale may do so by contacting Kris Osterhaus 875-9134 or Kara Sperflage 923-4017.

## SPIRES OF FAITH CLUSTER PARISHES

**MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY PARISH AWARD** – Mount Mercy University is once again offering Archdiocese of Dubuque Parish Awards for the 2012-2013 academic year. The award for \$500 is available to one new full-time freshman or transfer student enrolled in our undergraduate program from each parish. It is renewable for up to four years. Please contact your parish office if you are interested.

**CLARKE UNIVERSITY DIOCESAN AWARD** – Clarke University is pleased to announce the Diocesan Award which gives one \$1,000 renewable scholarship to one new full-time daytime undergraduate freshman or transfer student from each parish in the Dubuque Archdiocese. Please contact your parish office if you are interested.

**USED BOOK SALE**, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held at James Kennedy Public Library, Dyersville, on Friday/Saturday, Jan. 27/28, (9:00-5:00) and Monday, Jan. 30 (12:00-8:00). All are welcome.

## Our Schools

### Hennessy ~

**HENNESSY OMELET BREAKFAST:** The annual Omelet Breakfast will be on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the New Vienna school. Omelets will be made to order. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 5-12 and free for children under age 5. Come support Hennessy Catholic School!

### St Paul ~

#### ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL Round-Up for 2012-2013

St. Paul School will offer free preschool to students who are age 4 by Sept. 15, 2012. Students who are five by then will pay \$1,530.00 for the year. The Iowa Department of Education Voluntary Preschool Grant will pay the entire tuition for 4 year olds next year!

**ST. PAUL SCHOOL WELCOMES CHILDREN** of all ages from preschool to 6th grade. Please encourage families to consider St. Paul School. If you know of someone we should contact, call the office and leave information. Thank you!

**HELP IS NEEDED** for clean-up after Winterfest on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 9:00 a.m. Any junior high or high school students in need of service hours can contact Tammy Marbach 563-855-4500, Deb Engler 855-5300, Traci Burlage 855-3200 or Jennie Jaeger 855-2102 for details.

### St. Francis Xavier ~

#### A XAVIER AFFAIR WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JAN. 27, 5:30 P.M.

Tickets are on sale now at the school office. Everyone is invited! Great food, live and silent auction, live music. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 7:00 with auction and music following. **Win a \$4000 travel voucher or \$3500 cash.** Only 200 tickets sold. \$50/ticket. Tickets on sale at school office. Winner drawn at AXA Jan. 27.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL BREAKFAST will be Sunday, Feb. 5 from 7:30-12:00 noon. Please mark your calendar!**

### Beckman ~

#### THE BECKMAN ENDOWMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING

is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7pm in the Beckman library. 3 board positions are up for election; St. Joseph's (Earlville), St Paul (Worthington), and an at-large position. If you are interested in running, please contact the Development Office.

## SPIRES OF FAITH CLUSTER

### RECRUITING FOR A NEW DEACON FORMATION CLASS

The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It is a call to a life of service to God's people. A deacon freely gives service to the Church in areas of Liturgy, Word, and Charity. Most deacons are married and therefore must balance their ministry work by giving priority to their spouse, family, and secular job.

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is currently recruiting married or single men between the ages of 32 and 58 for a new deacon formation class. Deacon formation continues for four and a half years. Classes are held two Saturdays per month during the school year in the Waterloo area. Wives are completely involved with their husbands throughout diaconal formation. The purpose of this is to support their marriage, their first vocation. For more information about deacons and the diaconal formation process, contact Deacon Tom Lang at 800-876-3546 ext. 252. AN INFORMATION MEETING on the Permanent Diaconate will be held: Tuesday, Jan. 31, Hiawatha, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, at 7:00 pm A Hispanic Information Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 15, Waterloo, Queen of Peace Parish, at 1:00 pm

**A CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** provides an adult renewal opportunity weekend of community, laughter, great food, inspiration and motivation. CEW's will be held at Clayton Ridge High School, Guttenberg, on:

Feb. 3rd-5th Women's † Feb. 17th-19th Men's  
For more information/registration call Beth Schlarman 563-926-2050 or 563-543-1403 or Jim & Joan Steger, 923-2082 or email [neiowacew@gmail.com](mailto:neiowacew@gmail.com). Website <http://neiowacew.weebly.com>

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. It is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! UPCOMING DATES ARE:

- ◆ February 10-12 in Cedar Falls,
- ◆ March 30 to April 1 in Cedar Rapids,
- ◆ May 11-13 in Dubuque.

Register at [www.iowa-wwme.org](http://www.iowa-wwme.org) or call 641-753-6953 or 563-927-4352 (Roger & Marsha) for more information.

### Bulletin Note

**A Wii Mariokart Bundle RAFFLE TO BENEFIT THE RYAN BURCHARD FAMILY.** 8 year Ryan is the son of Shawn & Nikki Burchard, Dyersville and was diagnosed with leukemia Dec. 31 and is undergoing chemotherapy in Iowa city Hospital. **Tickets for the Wii Mariokart Bundle RAFFLE** are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets are available at Pamida through Jan. 28. Tickets also available or to make a donation please contact Jamie & Becky Coyle, 875-9166, Mike & Pam Goedken, 875-6243, Joel & Pam Schmidt, 875-2746, Mike & Nicole Mullis, 875-8364 or Bob & Michelle Rausch, 875-8397. Winner drawn Jan. 29th.