



Rev. John O'Connor, *Pastor*
 Rev. Dennis J. Quint, *Pastor*
 Rev. Noah Diehm, *Associate Pastor*
 Deacon Fredrick Pins, *Deacon*
 Deacon Jim Steger, *Deacon*

St. Francis Xavier Basilica

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 Rectory Office 563-875-7325
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 Web..... xavierbasilica.com

St. Joseph

307 Mary St · Earlville IA 52041
 Parish Office 563-923-3135
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 Childcare Center 563-923-2068

St. Boniface

7401 Columbus-PO Box 215 ·
 New Vienna IA 52065
 Parish Office 563-921-2465
 School Office..... 563-921-2635

Sts. Peter & Paul

1625 300th Ave · Dyersville IA 52040
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 Worthington IA 52078
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 Rectory..... 563-855-2405
 Web..... www.stpaul.pvt.k12.ia.us
 Prayer Chain 563-855-3445

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

SpiresPrayers@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.



Daily Mass Schedule

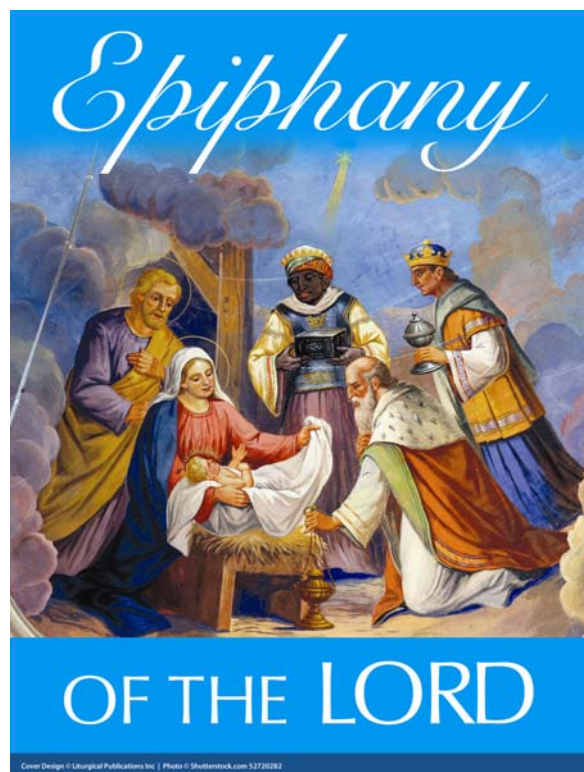
Dyersville
 Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 6:30 am
 Wed. 5:15 pm and Fri. 8:30 am

Earlville
 Thurs. 8:00 am

New Vienna
 Mon., Tues., 7:30 am and
 Thurs. 8:30 am

Petersburg
 Wed. 8:30 am & Fri. 7:30 am

Worthington
 Wed. 8:30 am & Fri. 7:30 am



Liturgies

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

- Monday: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
 6:30 am D Frank, Rosa & Lester Osterhaus
 7:30 am NV Gerald Klostermann
- Tuesday:**
 6:30 am D Marie & Bob Ruden
 7:30 am NV Larry Lucas
- Wednesday:**
 8:30 am W Clete Burkle
 8:30 am P Gomer, Ellen & Pat Domeyer
 5:15 pm D Urban & Daniel Klaren
- Thursday:**
 6:30 am D For All Souls
 8:30 am NV Pastor's Intention for Priests
 8:00 am E Ralph Nefzger
- Friday: ST. HILARY**
 7:30 am W Eldon "Pete" Wolfe
 7:30 am P Scott Tauke
 8:30 am D Cletus Burkle & Alice Wulfekuhle
- Saturday/Sunday: 2 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 5:00 pm D Frances Weyer,
 Duane Geistkemper
 7:00 pm P Todd Koelker
 7:00 am D For the People
 8:00 am E Edmund Overmann,
 Anastasia Willenbring
 8:30 am D Dorothy Olberding
 9:00 am W Donald Burlage,
 John Greiner & Karen Steinlage
 10:00 am NV For the People
 10:30 am D Virginia "Ginger" Meyer
 12:00 pm D Archdiocesan Latin Mass
 Elmer Stelken

**We extend our sympathy and prayers
to the family of:** Elmer White
 Germaine Fendell Dorothy Wagner
 Daniel Nurre William Deutmeyer

Weekly Readings ■ Jan. 8-15

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts
 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm
 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:
 13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Spires of Faith Parishes

Monday, Jan. 9:

- 7:15-8:15 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the
 Convent Chapel (D)
7:00 PM CLUSTER STEWARDSHIP MEETING will be held at New Vienna
 School.

Tuesday, Jan. 10:

- 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: Grace and Salvation.
7:00 pm SPIRES OF FAITH CLUSTER COUNCIL will meet at the New Vienna
 School.

Wednesday, Jan. 11:

- 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.
7:00 pm PARENT MEETING for parents with children preparing to
 receive Holy Communion the first time at EARLVILLE, DYERSVILLE
 & WORTHINGTON will be held Wednesday in the Xavier School
 Auditorium, Dyersville.

Thursday, Jan. 12:

- 8:00 am—10:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
 at the Convent Chapel (D).
BINGO will be back next Thursday the 19th.
**7:00 pm PASTORAL COUNCIL joint meeting at Earlville for Earlville,
 Worthington & Dyersville Councils.** Individual Councils will meet:
 6:00 pm Dyersville PC and 7:30 pm Earlville & Worthington PC.
7:00 pm CLUSTER SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet at St. Joseph
 rectory, Earlville.

Friday, Jan. 13:

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

Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 14/15:

CONFIRMATION CLASSES on Jan. 15 beginning with the 8:30 am Mass
 at Dyersville.

MARCH FOR LIFE — Next weekend at Spires of Faith Cluster Masses
 young people will be among us to briefly share about their experiences
 and preparation for the March for Life in Washington D.C. this month.
 They will have some prayer cards available and accept donations to help
 pay for expenses of the pilgrimage.

**Everyone is invited to the PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 & BAKE SALE** at St. Paul Parish, Worthington, serving
 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm in the Gib Gym.



VOCATION CRUCIFIX ~ Last weekend we initiated the Vocations Crucifix Program as a way to promote vocation aware-
 ness. In the parishes of the cluster, one family (or person or couple) per each of the parish Masses will be entrusted with
 the parish's Vocations Crucifix for a week and given the responsibility and the privilege of praying that more people will
 respond to God's call to serve the church as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother. If you're interested in more infor-
 mation or would like to be involved, please call the parish office or talk to one of the priests.

From Fr. Quint

Dear Parishioners,

This week is National Vocation Awareness week. Please spend some time as a family praying about God's call to serve the communion of the church as a vowed religious, ordained priest or deacon, or married person. Typically the focus of vocation awareness centers upon priesthood and religious life since we have particular needs in those roles. Our cluster parishes have been consistently strong over the years in raising up men and women in vocations of service. Setting aside the natural goods of marriage and children to pursue the supernatural good of devoting one's life to God and His people calls for careful discernment. Thankfully, living near Dubuque we have many folks available to chat with to consider questions and concerns. Fr. O'Connor, Fr. Diehm, and I are also excited to visit with parishioners who may feel called to priesthood or religious life. The seeds of a vocation planted by God especially require careful nurturing by parents who are supportive of young people making vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as religious or being ordained to priesthood. Let your children and grandchildren know how proud you would be if God was calling them in this manner. Offer feedback to them about skills they possess that could help them in ministry. Over the years more and more people have answered God's call later in life. Candidates for priesthood are accepted in the archdiocese up to age 50. May we be open to God's will and invitation in our lives and answer his summons with generous hearts.

Other items:

- Beckman Catholic High School was packed with caucus participants last week. The auditorium was overflowing. I was proud to see so many people engaged in the political process.
- Our new year mini-retreat was well-attended by parishioners from our various cluster parishes. We're grateful to Trina Hentgen for coordinating it. In this year ahead may we all benefit from taking time to reflect each day and week on our relationships and our progress in holiness.
- Next Sunday our confirmation candidates will engage in another session of intensive preparation after the 8:30 am Mass in Dyersville. We are grateful to our team who forms them. Please pray for them.

SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (STO)

Thankfully we met our archdiocesan goal for this great program by which you can receive credits on your income taxes by donating to our parochial schools. We are grateful to those who chose to participate.

Basilica of St. Francis Xavier

SFX PARISH THIS WEEK ~ Jan. 9-15:

- **THIS MONDAY, 6:00 pm** – we ask your help in the Christmas Decorations takedown. Please meet in church at 6:00 pm. *(Sorry for the confusion last week-jumped ahead a week!)*
- **Tuesday, 3:00 pm Children's Choir Practice**
6:30 pm Basilica Choir Rehearsal
- **Thursday, 7:00 am Finance Council meets at the rectory.**
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice.
6:00 pm Parish Council meeting @ Earlville
- **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING @ Saturday, 10:00 am in church.**
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 5:00 pm Saturday & 10:30 am Sunday Masses.** Children ages 3-7 invited.

THANK YOU TO CIRCLES 3 & 4 ~ HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

A profit of \$13,402.67 was received from tickets sales, raffle, bake sale and circle dues/donations. A big thanks to everyone who played a part in it's success, especially the leaders, Luke & Sara Domeyer, Matt & Kathy Goerd, Jay & Cheri Konzen, Nick & Emily Knepper, Dan & Kathy Steffen and Larry & Kate Steffensmeier.

2012 CIRCLE EVENTS ARE BEING FINALIZED ~ A General Chair to work with our other Chairs and circle leaders is needed. It helps to share the responsibilities. For more information, give the office a call or talk to one of the General Chair.

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.

RAFFLE WINNERS this weekend are Patrick & Mary Jane Meade and Mechelle Weber.

GREAT BEGINNING ~ Our Christmas collection was lower than last year but the Sunday collection that weekend was much higher than average and the Capital Campaign / Building on Success donations were significant. We retired the 1st Capital Campaign loan on the school addition and paid \$34,321.50 on the Parish Debt this week. Thank you for the sacrifices you make to keep our parish ministries active and fruitful. Hopefully our days of deficit spending are past. God bless you for your generosity!

Finances

Budget received 12/31/2011.....	\$ 67,258.87
Budget received 1/1/2012	\$ 9,848.00
Offertory	\$ 1,588.52
Children 2011	\$ 220.00
MCI 2011	\$ 75.00
Children 2012	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 3,810.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 6,391.00
BUDGET NEEDED FISCAL YEAR 7/1/11-1/1/12..	\$ 648,000.00
Received	\$ 652,962.20
Ahead	+ \$ 4,962.20
PARISH DEBT	\$ 155,000.00
DEBT TO BASILICA FUND	\$ 223,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DEBT	\$ 000,000.00



St. Joseph

ST. JOSEPH PARISH 125 ANNIVERSARY
Our church was dedicated on Jan. 12, 1887. We'll commemorate our 125th anniversary as a parish throughout this year ahead.

Special mention will be made of this occasion on Thursday at the 8 am Mass. We'll also gather together as a parish on Sunday, Jan. 15 after the 8 am Mass for refreshments in the lower level and a short program considering interesting facts about our parish. Please join us!

THURSDAY, JAN. 12 ~ Joint Parish Councils will meet at Earlville at 7:00 pm.

VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM – Each week for the month of January we need a family that is willing to accept the vocation crucifix in your home for one week with the responsibility and privilege of praying that people will respond to God's call to serve the church as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother. Please call Ann Dietrich, 923-5415, or the parish office, 923-3135, if you are willing to take the crucifix for a week.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ Two additional donations for Christmas flowers have been received from Jim & Deloras Burkle in memory of Clete Burkle & Alice Wulfekuhle; Dan & Connie Wheeler in memory of Kyle Wheeler & Kevin Kramer. Thank You!

AS WE BEGIN 2012 please help us deplete the last of the SCRIP still on hand; certificates for Footlocker and Ponderosa/Bonanza Steakhouse. Footlocker has stores in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo and a Bonanza Steakhouse is in Waterloo. Call the parish office to purchase.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR HOME sent a note thanking our parish, and individuals from our parish, for demonstrations of kindness throughout the past year. The gifts and financial donations, as well as the sharing of time and talent, were greatly appreciated.

LAY MINISTERS ■ JANUARY 15, 2012

Mass Servers: A.J. Richter & Zach Smith
Lector: Linda Mensen
Eucharistic Ministers: Dean & Kim Knipper
Steve Leibold, Eileen Bildstein
Rosary Leader: Everett & Darline Schuman
Greeters: Dan & Linda Fangman
Music: Kim Knipper

GOOD NEWS ~ Thankfully our Christmas collection was strong again this year and exceeded budget by \$1,000. Well done!

Finances

Budget received 1-1-2012	\$ 618.00
Weekly Adult Budget needed	\$ 2,019.00
Offertory	\$ 49.25
Youth	\$ 1.00
Christmas	\$ 1,865.00
Fiscal YTD Adult Budget Needed	\$ 54,513.00
Fiscal YTD Adult Budget Received	\$ 54,575.19
YTD	+ \$ 62.19

St. Paul

THURSDAY, JAN. 12 Joint Parish Councils will meet at Earlville at 7:00 pm.

LITURGICAL ROLES ■ SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 2012

Servers: Kendra Elgin/Emma & Grace Willenborg
Greeters: Mike & Deb Corkery
Ushers: Brian Kramer/Jerry Manemann/Bob Loecke/
Dick Fortmann
Lector: Lois Manternach
Ministers: Mark & Mary Gaul/Jody Kluesner/Julie Bries/
Jenna Lansing
Music: Adult Choir
Scrip: Lois Cahill/Jodi Boge
Recorders: Mike Corkery/Mark Gaul

All are invited to the PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE on Sunday Jan. 15, hosted by Circle 5/Circles 1 & 2. Serving from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Menu includes sausage (fresh & smoked), pancakes, scrambled eggs, applesauce, rolls, toast, coffee, juice and milk. Adults: \$7.00, ages 5-10: \$3.50, preschoolers: free. Cash raffle with other prizes. All donations are appreciated. Please call Harry & Mary Lou White-855-3435, Chuck & Lisa Kass-875-2614, Gene & Dorothy Kramer-855-3735. Any student needing service hours, please contact anyone of the people listed.

ST. PAUL PARISHIONERS: Everyone is asked to donate items for the Bake Sale Jan. 15th. Please bring them to Gib Gym on Saturday 9am or Sunday morning.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Ted & Jenn Martens on the Baptism of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth.

WORTHINGTON SENIOR CITIZEN MEAL: Wednesday, Jan. 11th. Menu: beef tips & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, orange cream salad and a cookie. Cards will be played in the afternoon. RSVP to 875-2600 or 855-5004 before 9 am.

WINTERFEST INVITATIONS – RSVP's deadline Jan.13th. Winterfest will be Saturday Feb. 18, 2012.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our collection for Christmas was \$ 39,422.76, which was just short of the \$40,000 budgeted. Thank you for your generosity.

Finances

Tithe	\$ 7,925.00
Offertory	\$ 87.70
Initial Offering.....	\$ 21.00
Mother of God—New Years Day	\$ 303.00
Christmas	\$ 3,105.00
YTD Needed 7-01-10 to 1-1-12	\$ 154,830.02
YTD Received 7-01-10 to 1-1-12	\$ 141,886.21
YTD Short	— \$ 12,943.81
Parish Debt	\$ 89,809.07

Sts. Peter & Paul

Finances

Budget	\$ 7,310.00
Christmas	\$ 500.00
Offertory	\$ 44.65
Insurance	\$ 62.38
Donations	\$ 35.00
Holy Day	\$ 2,060.00
Grain Bin	\$ 1,100.00

(Rosie Kroeger \$200, Chuck & Bev Rahe \$150, Dick & Brenda Ludwig \$250, Ken & Shirley Knipper \$500.)

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at noon this Sunday, Jan. 8th, in the Petersburg School gym. All women of the parish are members of the Altar & Rosary Society and are invited. The Altar & Rosary Society will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share. There will be an optional \$10 gift exchange. Annual dues may also be paid at this time. These dues are used for supplies and labor to clean the interior of our beautiful church.

QUILTERS will begin Monday, Jan. 9th, at Clara Harter's. All help is appreciated!

FROZEN PIE SALES: The SS. Peter & Paul Parish will hold two frozen pie sales in 2012. The 1st pie-making day is scheduled for Friday evening, Feb. 3rd, and the morning/afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 4th. The cost per pie is \$9.00. Please pick up a green order form in the back of church or place your order by calling Kris Osterhaus 875-9134. You may place your completed order form in the designated area in the back of church. Thank you for your continued support of SS. Peter & Paul Parish – Petersburg.

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 Sperfslage 923-4017.

St. Boniface

Finances

Budget	\$ 2,285.00
Christmas	\$ 1,975.00
Offertory	\$ 118.00
Donation	\$ 60.00
Insurance	\$ 58.50
Religious Retirement	\$ 50.00
Heat is On	\$ 150.00

(Walter & Judy Welling \$150.00)

Some of last week's finances were incorrect. Here are the correct amounts: Budget \$3,900.00, Christmas \$14,280.00.

LAY SCHEDULE –

SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 7:00 PM (P): Servers – Eric Recker, Evan Gaul. Lector – Darla Budden. Communion Ministers – Mike Gaul, Morgan Mensen, Tia Westhoff, Karen Wulfekuhle, Janet Scherbring, Fred Deutmeyer, Tanya Bagge, Scott Recker. Gifts – Pete & Kim Gaul. Ushers – Mike Bildstein, Roger Engelken, Larry Kruse.

SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 10:00 PM (NV): Servers – Cole Bollweg, Joel Vaske. Lector – Carmen Kluesner. Communion Ministers – Kim Hermsen, Rosemarie Hermsen, Rita Rahe, Mary Westhoff, John Lansing, Earl Hosch, Cheryl Kluesner.



SPIRES OF FAITH CLUSTER

A BAPTISMAL CLASS will be held on Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 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 baptism of their child.

THE ARCHDIOCESCAN 175TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKS are here. If you ordered please stop and pick it up. Extra copies are available too. Books are \$35. To purchase, please stop at the Dyersville parish office. They make great gifts!

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.

THE HAITI COMMITTEE IS SELLING GIFT CARDS FOR KIDS AGAINST HUNGER. Make a donation of \$10.00 or more in the name of the person who will receive your gift. You will receive a Gift Card stipulating the amount you donated to Kids Against Hunger in this person's name. Where to purchase the Gift Cards?

- at Xavier Rectory
- Joan Steger at Fidelity Trust and Savings in Dyersville
- Shirley Olberding 875-8740 or Cookie Scherrman 875-7826.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER Gift Card

A gift that saves lives!

Our Schools

St Paul ~

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone ~ many blessings for the in the coming year!

THE DRA GRANT WORK is finished and the last paperwork has been submitted. Thanks to Deacon Fred Pins, Brian Kramer, Randy McAllister and Steve Ludwig for their part in getting all the work completed.

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 Friday night, Jan. 27, 2012. All are invited. Great food and great entertainment! Donations for the live and silent auctions would also be appreciated. Please contact Carrie Nauman, 875-2109 or carrie.nauman@gmail.com

Beckman ~

BECKMAN DANCE TEAM will host "A Winter Wonderland Showcase" this Sunday, Jan. 8, at 1:00 pm in the Beckman gym. Many area studio and school dance teams will be performing. Admission \$5.00 and \$3 ages 12 & under. Come, enjoy the afternoon.

SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED OR DIVORCING CATHOLICS ~

An informational meeting and registration opportunity for will be held on Monday, Jan. 23, at 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, Manchester. Divorce and Beyond is open to Catholic adults who are experiencing divorce. It 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: janet1@iowatelecom.net or the office 563-927-4710.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & HOLY LAND WITH ARCHBISHOP

HANUS ~ The bishops of Region IX are to be present in Rome Mar. 11-18, 2012. In connection with this visit, Archbishop Hanus will be hosting a Pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land, Mar. 12-24 as part of the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese. For a brochure with more information contact the parish office or web site of the Archdiocese: www.arch.pvt.k12/ia.us. You may also call Jackie Doser at the Travel Headquarters, 800-383-0563.

SPIRES OF FAITH CLUSTER

GIVE A GIFT OF A CEW WEEKEND — A CEW Weekend will be held at the Placid Church, south of Epworth on Jan. 13-15, 2012 (women's) and Jan. 20-22, 2012 (men's). For more information call the Epworth Pastorate office, 563-876-5540 or Sherry Klein 563-542-4720 or Dennis Merkes, 563-580-4017.

NE IOWA CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND —

Adult renewal opportunity weekend of community, laughter, great food, inspiration and motivation! Feb. 3-5th (women's) and Feb. 17-19th (men's), will be held in Guttenberg. For more information call Beth Schlarman 563-926-2050 or 563-543-1403. website <http://neiowacew.weebly.com>

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 the parish office if you are interested.

WALK FOR LIFE — On Saturday, Jan. 21, Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. will hold the 27th annual Walk for Life. Please join us at the Washington Park Gazebo at 10:30 am for a short program and a walk to the Courthouse followed by a chili luncheon at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 781 Locust St. All are welcome!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PRO-LIFE DINNER ON

Saturday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall, Dyersville, featuring great speakers and good camaraderie! The meal is free, but reservations are a must: please call Marian Bourek, 744-3141 or email to ymbourek@netzero.net. Leave a message with your name and number of guests. Sponsored by Dubuque County Right to Life's new Satellite Office in Dyersville. *Please come!*

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) is a 3-day Catholic retreat experience for high school seniors. A TEC weekend can be a great opportunity for real personal growth in community and spirituality. Meet other Catholic youth who share similar questions, concerns and hopes. Find time to reflect on your life, relationships with others and with God. Upcoming 2012 dates for TECs: Jan. 28-30 Marquette HS, Bellevue; Mar. 3-5 Beckman HS, Dyersville; Apr. 14-16 GFS School, Calmar; Apr. 21-23 Wahlert HS, Dubuque. Online registration at www.DBQArchEvents.org. Other contacts: 563-556-2580 ext 253.

Bulletin Notes

WINTER GALA WILL BE HELD THE DYERSVILLE SENIOR on Thursday, Jan. 12. Cards begins at 9:00 am. Lunch at 11:30 am. Cards at 12:30 too. Menu includes turkey & gravy, dressing, corn, coleslaw and pumpkin pie. Come join the fun and possibly win a prize. Make reservations early—call 875-2600.

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR 2012 BUDGET ENVELOPES FOR YOUR PARISH?