ELF Preschool is currently taking registrations for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Children must be 3-4 years old by September 15 to be eligible for our program. The 3 year old classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30 with tuition of $90 a month.

Scholarships are available for those who qualify through Northeast Iowa Community Action. 4 year old classes meet either Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings or Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. 4 year old classes are tuition free thanks to a state wide preschool grant. For registration information, contact Heidi Roete at 283-1198 or email her at hroete@sh-elwell.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Garage Sale - Our Annual Garage Sale is coming soon! As you are doing your Spring housecleaning, please consider donating those items to the sale. Call Pam Wardell at 283-0885 if you have questions or would like to donate items.

The Oelwein Knights of Columbus is hosting a 1st Degree this Monday, April 8th, at 5:54pm at the Columbus Club. This is the 1st Step in becoming a Knight. We will also be hosting a 1st - 2nd & 3rd Degrees on Sunday, April 28th starting at noon at the Parish Center. These are the first three lessons of Knighthood: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The Knights of Columbus is an organization that figures out how to raise money to support the parish, community and families. If the time is right for you and your family to become part of the Knight’s family, please contact Mike Schulmeister at 563-920-8345.

Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale - Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12 (Book & Bake Sale), and Saturday, April 13 (Book Sale) at the Oelwein Public Library. Book & Bake Sale will take place during regular library hours.

Smelt Fry - Friday, April 26, Legion Hall, Aurora, 4-8pm, all you can eat, huge raffle

“Essential Elements of a Strong Catholic Marriage” Day - All married couples are invited to strengthen their marriage by attending this renewal day. April 27, 9am-4pm, St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids. Visit www.DBQarch.org/events to register and for more information.

Men’s Retreat - April 12-14, American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls, Theme is “My Peace I Leave With You” We live in a world seeking peace, where can we find true peace? Retreat director will be Father Jim Starbuck. Call 319-266-3543 or email at dbqamrhse@dbqarch.org to register.

Join Fr. Ivan Nienhaus, pastor of St. Patrick’s in Cedar Rapids, and Fr. David Ambrosy, pastor of St. Mary’s in Waverly, on a Pilgrimage to Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine from January 30 to February 4th 2020. Cost from Cedar Rapids is $2299.00. There will be an optional post tour to Riviera Maya on February 4-8 for $1499.00. The Riviera Maya is an all-inclusive resort where Fr. Nienhaus will offer a three day spiritual retreat. For a flyer and more information contact Mary Johnston at 319-560-5138 or email her at blessu45@gmail.com .

The American Martyrs Retreat House has a Gift Shop with items for First Communion, Confirmation and Baptism. Call 319-266-3543 to check on what is available.

If you are new to our parish or just visiting, WELCOME!!

If you would like to officially claim Sacred Heart as your Parish Home - we would love to have you! Contact the Parish Office (319-283-3744) for information and a registration form. Forms can be mailed or e-mailed or you can stop in and pick them up.

If you need to schedule a time to begin a new way of life. Jesus offers that same thing to us and is and will always be more generous.

Un-Bake Sale
This Weekend - Please Be Generous!

Sacred Heart Parish
“A Eucharistic Evangelizing Community”
April 7, 2019
5th Sunday of Lent

A woman is caught in the act of adultery and the punishment for this crime was that she would be stoned to death. The scribes and Pharisees used this woman’s situation to try to trap Jesus into saying or doing something contrary to the laws of Moses. Jesus saw this situation as what it was and stated that the one among them, who was without sin, should cast the first stone at her. Their plan failed and one by one the women’s accusers left without casting a stone at her. Jesus found a way not to excuse the woman’s sin but to offer her forgiveness and a chance to begin a new way of life. Jesus offers that same thing to us and is and will always be more than enough to help us, protect us, and lead us home to heaven.

Very few great things are accomplished by one single large donation, but are accomplished by many smaller donations made by people who know that it is the right thing to do and that their donation will help others. When you multiply these small donations by a whole parish of people, we can do something great that helps others. Your donation of a few pairs of socks and a few pairs of underwear can make a difference to someone. Make your sacrifice with great love and make a difference. The containers located near your display in church are waiting for your donations.

Feet & Seat Collection
Mother Theresa of Calcutta had a great love for the poor. She once wrote, “We can do no great things, only small things with great love.” Very few great things are accomplished by one single large donation, but are accomplished by many smaller donations made by people who know that it is the right thing to do and that their donation will help someone else. When you multiply these small donations by a whole parish of people, we can do something great that helps others. Your donation of a few pairs of socks and a few pairs of underwear can make a difference to someone. Make your sacrifice with great love and make a difference. The containers located near your display in church are waiting for your donations.

Easter Flower Memorial Donations - If you would like to make a memorial donation to help purchase flowers, place your monetary donation inside an envelope marked Easter Flowers. Write the names of those you want to be remembered on a slip of paper and put it inside the envelope with your donation. The names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You can put your envelopes in the collection basket or bring them/mail them to the Parish Center. All names must be received by Tuesday, April 16th. What a beautiful way to decorate the church and remember your loved ones at the same time.

Individual Confession Times: Monday, April 15 - 7 to 8pm at IC
Wednesday, April 17 - 6 to 7pm at SH
Thursday, April 18 - following Holy Thursday liturgy at IC
Friday, April 19 - following noon liturgy at IC
- following 6pm liturgy at SH
Saturday, April 20 - 11am to 12 noon at SH

Awoman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?
John 8:10

283-0885
**SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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**Holy Week Schedule**

- **Holy Thursday Apr. 18 - 7:15 pm at IC**
- **Good Friday Apr. 19 - Noon at IC** 6pm at SH
- **Holy Saturday Apr. 20 - 8:30pm at SH**
- **Easter Sunday Apr. 21 - 8:30am at IC, 10:30at SH**

**ASK FATHER**

**Question:** Can different Masses, like Tridentine or Latin Masses, be held at any time?

**Answer:** Yes, any limit on the number of times these Masses can be held?

**Palm Branches**

Palm Branches from previous years may be returned to church so that they may be burned in the Holy Saturday fire. Palms need to be returned by Sunday, April 14th.

**Please pick up Rosary Society Letters in the east entrance of the church.**

**Father Ray Atwood, Pastor**

Parish Center (Mail) - 600 1st Avenue SW

**Deacon Jim Patera**

Parish Office - 319-283-2962

Parish Email: parish@stjohnsparish.com

Fr. Atwood Email: DBQ151@dbarch.org

Rectory Phone: 319-283-9577

**Youth Choir** - The Youth Choir will not be singing in the month of April. See you in May!

**Adult Choir** - The Youth Choir will have rehearsal on Wed. April 10th at 6:30pm in church. The Choir sings on Sunday, April 14th at 10:30 Mass with rehearsal at 9:20am.

**Rosaries** - The Catholic Daughters are once again collecting rosaries for patients in Iowa Hospitals. All new, old, used a bit, used a lot rosaries are accepted and appreciated. There are boxes on the entrance tables for you to put the rosaries in.

**Oelwein Kitchen Cupboard** - We are collecting canned pineapple during April and May.

**Catholic Daughters** - will meet on Monday, April 8, at 6pm in the church to recite the Rosary. Our Open House for prospective new members, followed by a short business meeting, will take place immediately after the Rosary in the social hall. ALL Parishioners are invited to join us at 6pm for the Rosary.

**Fish Fry** - Friday, April 12, American Legion, Oelwein, 4:30-6:30pm

**Baptism Class** - is offered for those who wish to have their child baptized at Sacred Heart or Immaculate Conception. The next session will be held on **Saturday, May 4th, at 8:30 am** at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. To register, or if you have questions, please call Deacon Jim Patera at 319-509-1210. Please note that the date is changed to May 4th rather than the original date of May 11th.

**Champagne Easter Brunch** - Sunday, April 21, 9am-1pm, Columbus Club, Oelwein, Reservations are necessary so please call 319-283-1571. Menu includes: Champagne, Ham, Roast Beef, Chicken and Breakfast Items.

**Lifesaver Project** - The Catholic Daughters will be accepting donations next weekend, April 20th for the Lifesaver Project. The donations received this year will be used for victims of domestic abuse. This year’s funds will go to the Coalition against Human Trafficking and Slavery.

**Shopko Gift Cards** - The SCRIP Program has Shopko Gift Cards that can be used until April 20th to purchase items at Shopko’s going out of business sale. They are available at Community Bank and Fidelity Bank or you can stop at the SCRIP table after Mass this weekend and purchase some.

**ALL Graduating Seniors and Parents** - are invited to a planning meeting for the Senior Mass. We will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Please contact Nancy Kastli if you have questions.

**Have you included Sacred Heart Parish in your will?** Your gift is your final legacy to your spiritual family. Please remember Sacred Heart in your will. We have received memorial donations recently given in memory of Ronald Voshell. Our thanks to his family.

**Calling all Catholic Women!!!** An Open House will be held on Monday, April 8th, beginning with the recitation of the Rosary in the church proper, followed by some fun and entertaining ways to learn more about being a Catholic Daughter of the Americas in the social hall. You may contact Diana Stewart at 319-610-8008.

**Our sympathy to the family of Regina Martindale and to all who have lost loved ones in the family.**

**I am the resurrection and the life.**

Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies.