

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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Sunday, May 16, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 18th: 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 20th: 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 22nd: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 23rd: 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Tune in to Mass from the church parking lot at FM Channel **89.3**. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please drive up to the church entrance with your mask on and then pull forward to park anywhere to hear the conclusion of Mass.

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Loretta Toenyan 563-259-1156



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Planting the Rosary Garden
Wednesday, May 5, 2021



Your Sacrificial Offering

Week of April 25, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 1,401.00

Offertory: \$ 36.00

Total: \$ 1,437.00

Catholic Home Missions: \$77.00

Thank you for sharing your gifts of treasure!

Please note: if you would like to sign up for electronic contributions, the Authorization Form is now available in your monthly offering envelopes. Feel free to call the office if you have any questions. You can place your completed form in a sealed envelope and include it in the offering at Mass. You can still receive the offering envelopes to use for Mass, mark them as "I gave online", and place them in the offering basket.

To Report Child Abuse...

Call the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to speak with a trained advocate; or the Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. If it involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Prayer Chain Available

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call Loretta Toenyan at 259-1156. You can also email or call the parish office. If you would like to have someone listed in the bulletin prayer list, please make sure the person or family has given their permission to do so. This can be just a verbal acknowledgment.

Baptism:

First time parents who wish to have their child baptized at Church of the Visitation should meet with Dc. Matt Levy before the baptism can be scheduled. Please contact the parish office to schedule a time to meet with him.

Marriage:

A date and time should be arranged at least nine months prior to the wedding. Please contact Fr. Apo to schedule.

Estate Planning:

Planned gifts of kindness are gifts from the heart to ministries of the Church. People of God are called to be good stewards, responding to God's grace in Christ through making financial gifts to others. A planned gift during your lifetime or a bequest in your Will directs valuable funds to the ministries of the Church. For more information about making a gift to Church of the Visitation, call The Catholic Foundation 563-324-1911.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 17th: No Mass

Tuesday, May 18th:

4:00 p.m. † *Gloria Butler*

Wednesday, May 19th: No Mass

Thursday, May 20th:

4:00 p.m. † *Patsy Krava*

Friday, May 21st: No Mass

Saturday, May 22nd:

4:00 p.m. *For the People of the Parish*

Sunday, May 23rd:

10:00 a.m. † *Benito Gonzales*

Altar & Rosary Society Plant Sale

The Altar & Rosary Society will host a plant sale next weekend, May 22nd and 23rd. If you would like to donate plants, please drop them off on Saturday, May 22nd by 3:30 p.m. The sale will be held outside near the main entrance of the church. The plants will be sold by a monetary donation. Any plants left over after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on the 22nd, will be available on Sunday, May 23rd before and after Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Drury or Pat McClure. Thank you for your support!

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.

Please remember our loved ones in prayer:

Jacquie Atkinson, Gary Hart, Richard Frett,
 Donna Kilburg, Yvonne Henn,
 Jim Pearson, Bob Butler,
 Dick & Mary Sartwell, Marian Winkelmann,
 Jim Krava, Henry & Betty Fullick,
 Gary Huss, Ben Roseland, Teri Swanton,
 Molly Bronkema, Gene & Barb Green,
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May God's love touch and heal you

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Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign for The Pregnancy Center of Clinton

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual baby bottle drive. It began on Mother's Day weekend and will run through Father's Day weekend, June 19th and 20th. The bottles are available in a bassinet in the gathering space. Please take a bottle, fill it with your loose change and bring it back on Father's Day. Proceeds will benefit The Pregnancy Center of Clinton to help support their programs and services. For those who are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive a bottle, or if you have any questions, please call Lou Kraciun at 563-357-2102. You can also contribute without filling a bottle by writing a check payable to the Knights of Columbus. You can mail it to the church or place it in the offering basket. The Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone for their continued support so they can make a positive impact on our community.

Franciscan Peace Center Social Justice Film

Racially Charged: America's Misdemeanor Problem

Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Watch the 30-minute film together via Zoom and then engage in a group discussion. America's Misdemeanor Problem exposes how our country's history of racial injustice evolved into an enormous abuse of criminal justice power. 13 million people a year – most of them poor and people of color – are abused by this system. Through first-person accounts of those charged under the Black Codes of the Reconstruction era paralleled with the outrageous stories of people trapped in the system today, the film brings to light the unfolding of a powerful engine of profits and racial inequality. With the emergence of the Black Lives Matter movement, this film provides historical context and examines America's history of racist oppression. To register, visit: www.ClintonFranciscans.com

Gospel Meditation 7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home. ©LPi



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