

# OUR LADY'S IMMACULATE HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Seek Him, Love Him, Follow Him



### This Week

**Mar 5 & 6—Food Pantry Weekend**

*Matching Douglas Woods Challenge*

**Mar 7-14—Solidarity Walk**

Walk through this display to see where your Rice Bowl donations are needed.

**Mar 7—Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, 7:00 pm, Mary's Place**

**Mar 8—Jesus Study, 7:00 pm, Mary's Place**

**Mar 10—Love Study, 6:30 pm ZOOM**

**Mar 11—KC Fish Fry, Social Hall**  
5:00-7:00 pm

**Mar 12—Return to the Root**  
9:00-11:00 am, Mini-Retreat with Joyce Rupp

### Weekly:

#### **Daily Mass**

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri—8:30 am  
Tues —5:30 pm

#### **Prayer Service—Church**

Wed—6:30-7:00 pm (begins 3/23)

#### **Reconciliation—Chapel**

Wed—5:30-6:30 pm  
Fri—11:30 am-1:30 pm  
Sat— 4:00-4:45 pm

#### **Stations of the Cross—Church**

Tues—9:00 am  
Fri—5:30 pm

#### **Eucharistic Adoration—Church**

Wed—5:30-6:30 pm  
Sat—8:30-9:30 am

Check the website, [www.olih.org/lent-at-olih](http://www.olih.org/lent-at-olih) for additional Lenten activities.

## March 5 & 6, 2022

## PARISH INFORMATION



## Welcome!

We're glad you're here! If you are interested in joining Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, please pick up a form in the Gathering Space, download on-line at [www.olih.org](http://www.olih.org) or stop in during office hours to register

## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri	8:30 am
	Tues	5:30 pm
Mary's Mass	1st Sat of month	8:30 am
Weekend Masses	Sat	5:00 pm
	Sun	8:30 & 10:30 am

Livestreaming daily at 8:30 am & Sat at 5:00 pm  
Recorded rosary precedes morning Mass.

## SACRAMENTS

**Marriage** Contact the office at least six months in advance

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment; additional times during Lent.

**Anointing of the Sick** The sacrament is available to those seriously ill, suffering from prolonged illness or facing a major medical procedure. Call the parish office for more information.

**Baptism** Baptisms are not held except in extenuating circumstances during Lent. Next baptisms will be after April 17. Contact the office to schedule.

**Preparation for Baptism** Classes meet at 7:00 pm via Zoom: Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6

## THINGS TO KNOW

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

**Bulletin Deadline** Submit items to [olih@olih.org](mailto:olih@olih.org) the Friday of the week before publication.

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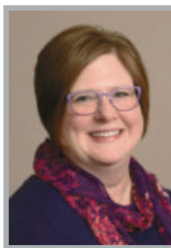
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## SEEK HIM: LENT 2022



On any given day I may receive a phone call, an email, or a drop-in visitor who is seeking something. Sometimes a person comes knowing what they are seeking – to join or return to the church, to understand something about the church, or someone to talk to about the struggles of life. Sometimes I have people come to me not knowing exactly what they are seeking but they have a

great desire to find it. I believe that most people who enter my office are ultimately seeking Jesus – to know him, to love him, and to follow him – but aren't able to put it into words, or even fully understand what that means, yet. We are often like blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52), the lame man lying next to the pool (John 5:2-9), or even the rich young man (Mark 10:17-22) – we think we know what we seek, to see, to be carried, to be saved, but if we dig deeper we find that it is not only the human action we seek, but it is also the loving glance and spiritual touch of Jesus.

This weekend at the 10:30 Mass we will have the Rite of Sending for our two catechumens, **Tyler** and **Jade**. After many months of preparation, these two individuals, with their family, sponsors, and RCIA team, are being "sent" to the Rite of Election on Sunday afternoon with Bishop Joensen. At this celebration the Bishop welcomes Tyler and Jade into their final preparations to be fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) into the life of the Catholic Church. Both of them have been on a long journey of seeking and will soon join us fully at the Eucharistic table. Keep them in prayer this Lenten season as they spend time in deeper prayer and reflection.

*Patty Mayer*

Director of Adult Faith Formation | RCIA Coordinator | Spiritual Director

## ANNUAL APPEAL BEGINS

Today is Annual Diocesan Appeal Sunday throughout the Diocese of Des Moines.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a Diocesan family and supports the ministries and services in this Diocese

from which you and this parish benefit. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal.

You should be receiving a letter from Bishop Joensen outlining how you can be part of this annual venture to 'pay our way' in maintaining not only the buildings but the programs and ministries that help bring God's word to our part of Iowa. Please consider making a gift online by visiting:

[dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal](http://dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal). Every gift helps us reach our goal of **\$280,975** (a decrease from last year).



## FAITH FORMATION

### FF Program Needs Your Help

Looking for a way to volunteer this Lent? We need you! The following Volunteer Positions are available—

- Pre-K Catechist-Sundays 8:30 (March 6 & 20 and April 10 & 24)
- Kindergarten Catechist-Sundays 8:30 March 6 & 20 and April 10 & 24)
- Hall Monitor-Mondays 4:30
- Tuesdays Hall Monitor-Tuesdays 4:10
- Parking Lot Attendant-Tuesdays 5:30

Thank you for your consideration.

Enjoy your Spring Break!  
NO classes meet March 14-16.

### Scholarships Available

Applications are now available online ([www.olih.org/teen-1](http://www.olih.org/teen-1)) for the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry scholarships. Applications are due to the OLIH office by March 31.



### Q What happens at the Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names?

**A** On the First Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates this rite with the catechumens. Most dioceses celebrate it at the diocesan cathedral during a Liturgy of the Word and not a Mass. After the homily, the catechumens are presented to the bishop. As their names are called, the catechumens may stand in their place or move into the sanctuary near the bishop so the assembly can see them. Once they are called, the bishop questions the godparents and the assembly to ensure the catechumens' readiness to be admitted to the sacraments of initiation. Then the bishop invites the catechumens to inscribe their name in the Book of the Elect. After everyone has signed the book, the bishop declares the catechumens to be members of the elect who will celebrate initiation at the next Easter Vigil. The liturgy continues with intercessions for the elect, a special prayer over them, and a dismissal.

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Please remember —  
*Mike Seeburger, husband of Mary,  
Dennis Danner, brother of Jennifer  
Peterson and Lucy Leyendecker,  
sister of Diana Fitzpatrick.*

*God grant them eternal rest.*



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 6

Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-1

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tues: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sun:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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#### Monday, March 7

8:30 am Bud & Mary Lee Volden †

#### Tuesday, March 8

8:30 am Merle Roths †

5:30 pm Michael Hall †

#### Wednesday, March 9

8:30 am Tony Perazelli †

#### Friday, March 11

8:30 am Kathy Schweers †

#### Saturday, March 12

5:00 pm Cheryl Bruder †

#### Sunday, March 13

8:30 am Rex & Elise Stefani †

10:30 am People of the Parish

## LEND YOUR SUPPORT

### Family promise: March 27-April 3

It's our turn again! OLIH is in charge of meals for Family Promise **March 27-April 3**. Please check under 'Parish Events' on our website to see how you can help. Due to COVID 19 we are not hosting the families at OLIH but we still need you to drop the meal off here. We have a real need for overnight hosts! Volunteers stay in a separate room and have little or no contact with guests. So if you're looking for a safe way to get out of the house, this is it! Mattresses are provided, bring your own linens. Contact Natalie Francis, [francisankenya@aol.com](mailto:francisankenya@aol.com), if you wish to help or have any questions. Must be 21 or older to be a host. You stay at Faith Lutheran in Clive from 7:30 pm to 7:00 am.

### Spring Cleaning?

Please consider supporting the Catholic Daughters' Norwex product fundraiser, through **March 25**. Call or email **Catherine Vance**, [cathvance0026@gmail.com](mailto:cathvance0026@gmail.com), 563/380-0026 or **Ann Wright** [annwright7@msn.com](mailto:annwright7@msn.com), 515/229-8029. You can check out available products at [www.annmariewright.norwex.biz](http://www.annmariewright.norwex.biz) or [www.catherinevance.norwex.biz](http://www.catherinevance.norwex.biz). No separate online orders however, please; by ordering all together we can save on shipping and raise more funds for organizations supporting women who have suffered domestic abuse.



### Knit 1, Purl 2

Our ministry knits, crochets, & sews items for charities. At our March meeting we will collect baby items: blankets, baby & preemie hats, booties, & sweaters. Our next lunch meeting will be on Thursday, **March 10** at a local restaurant. Join us by contacting Vicki Woodward, [vlwoodward00@gmail.com](mailto:vlwoodward00@gmail.com) 515-210-3797.

### Come to Fish 'Fry'-Days

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Fish Fry dinners during Lent at OLIH in the multi-purpose room from 5:00-7:00 pm, Fridays,

**March 11 & 25 and April 8**. The menu will include: Hand Battered Fried/Baked Pollock, Baked Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Ice Cream Sundaes and "Grilled Cheese and Tater-tots" for the kids. A free will offering will be taken and all money raised goes to support local charities such as Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside, On With Life, Dorothy's House, Rebuilding Together, etc.



St Mary's, Elkhart, will have their Fish Frys on **March 4, 18 and April 1**.

St Luke's KC will have their Fish Fry on **April 8, 4:30-7:00 pm**; Baked & Fried Fish, Mac & Cheese, Potato, Green Beans, Corn Bread, and Ice Cream & sauces.

## SPREADING THE WORD

Did you know our livestreamed Saturday night Mass in November averaged **177** views; December, **266** views; and January, **295** views?

In addition, the average for daily livestream Mass in November was **39** views; December **47** views; and January **40** views.

Thanks for your generosity for making livestream a part of our parish outreach. We are grateful for the parishioners that assist in the audio/visual booth.

## FEED THE HUNGRY



Youth Ministry at OLIH formed a team of 16 parishioners to pack meals at Meals from the Heartland on Wednesday, **February 23**. In the two hours we were there, we packed close to 1,800 meals that will benefit the hungry of our world. We worked hard and had a fun time spending time with each other in Jesus' name!

## Donut Sunday, March 13

Have you ever heard that the Sundays in Lent are 'Little Easters' and you can feast? Join us after Mass for a sweet treat!

## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

**The following were baptized in February—**

*Gavin Dean Greenlee*

*Myciah Abraham Allen Schmitt*

*Easton Jett Jones*

*Vivian Grace Hinton*



## FREE COVID-19 PCR Testing & More

The JoinCareTeam presents "Spring Health Fair" powered by CErTintell Telehealth. FREE COVID-19 testing will be available at the Catholic Pastoral Center (Sixth & Grand DSM) on Sunday, **March 20** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. In addition to testing, free health screenings and vaccine education information will also be available. Medical interpreters for 200+ languages will be present. All are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### Young Catholic Network:

All young adult professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, **March 29**. Join us at 6:00 pm for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center, DSM. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while meeting other young Catholics committed to professional and spiritual growth. Drs. Jon and Ramona Thompson will be our featured speakers on "Faith, Family, Forensics, and Frozens". Register today at [www.dmdiocese.org/ycn](http://www.dmdiocese.org/ycn).

### Man-Up: Out of Africa—and Into Central Iowa

Fr. John Brobbey will be joined by other African priests who will share their stories about their transitions from Africa to central Iowa! They will also talk about the state of the Catholic Church in Africa. Come and join us, Friday, **March 11**, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, WDM; Register for this event at [www.iowacatholicradio.com/events](http://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events) Meatless Pizza will be available for a free-will offering. (During Lent our lunch offering will be meatless.) **Weather Cancellation Policy:** If inclement weather causes St. Francis of Assisi Parish to be closed on this day, the Man Up Event will also be cancelled.

## CONCERT FUNDRAISER



Iowa Catholic Radio is sponsoring this fundraiser for the station on **July 24** at the Iowa Events Center Ballroom. Reserve your seats now. Prices range from \$52-\$92; Sponsorship packages available. Evening includes:

- 4:00 pm Mass
- 5:00 pm VIP Doors Open
- 6:00 pm General Admission Doors open
- 7:00 pm Allie Colleen
- 8:00 pm Scotty McCreary

## MAR 12 &amp; 13 MINISTRIES

**Saturday, MARCH 12 AT 5:00 PM****Cross Bearer:** Dan Ossian**Eucharistic Captain:** Mike Jensen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tina & Ty Barten, Jodi Judge, Robin & Todd Misel, Angela Ossian, Sr. Susan Widdel**Hospitality:** Julie DeLanoit, Gordon Havlik, Mike Myhre**Lector:** Janice Throckmorton & Ann Wright**Music:** Joan Jamison & Carla Burlage**Livestreaming:** Renae & Steve Smith**Sunday, MARCH 13 AT 8:30 AM****Cross Bearer:** Jon Gioffredi**Eucharistic Captain:** Tom Friedman**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deb Arend, John & Jolene Baumhover, Brent & Julie Steemken, Fran Stefani, Joan Stover**Hospitality Captain:** Mark Schmitt**Hospitality:** Dayla Cockerham, Travis Gavin (*sub requested*), Asa Hutton Jr, Glen Swanson, Greg Wandrey**Lector:** Jef Robinson & Kathy Sibbel**Music:** Mark Riewer & Tyler Hackman**Sound:** Joan Sieczkowski**Sunday, MARCH 13 AT 10:30 AM****Cross Bearer:** Jeff Mau**Eucharistic Captain:** Bob White**Eucharistic Ministers:** Curt Carlson, Laura Parsons, Nick Meng, Melanie Richardson, Kari Seivert, Mary Stoltenberg**Hospitality Captain:** Wayne Christ**Hospitality:** Toby & Vicki Berberich, Chip Pritchard**Lector:** Brian Graeve & Cara Muta**Music:** Andrea Maher & Mary Sankey**Sound:** Becky Robovsky**Money Counters****Monday, March 7:** Deb Arend, Cari Spear, Becky & Kirk Schwiete**Monday, March 14:** Jolee Belzung, Nancy Rude, Susan Thornton

March 6, 2022

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## 1st Sunday in Lent

Dt 26:4-10 | Rom 10:8-13 | Lk 4:1-13

**GROW:** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

If you are anything like me, you may still be deciding what to give up or do for Lent even though we're already five days in. I know ... "Stop procrastinating!" Today's readings can help us enter more deeply into this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They are a reminder that Lent isn't primarily about us, as if it were a self-improvement project, but about taking the opportunity to go deeper into our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ways of reducing distractions in our life and focusing on God's mercy, his sacrifice for us, and his generosity and love. I am one who likes to control things and make plans, so the readings challenge me to look beyond myself, beginning with prayer, and ask the Lord to help me grow in faith. Paul writes, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Jesus exemplifies this dependence on God, allowing himself to be led to the desert by the Spirit. Each time the devil tempts him, he responds and in turn shows us how to respond: by turning to God and God's words, the source of our strength. As we choose how to observe the next 35 days, we are reminded to ask God to help us find those things that help draw us closer to him.

**GO:** EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What comes to mind when you picture a desert? I imagine sand, heat, thirst. It's more challenging to examine the landscape of my personal desert – barren places of prayer or too much focus on the details of everyday life. Lent, however, presents a rich opportunity to pause and reprioritize our lives based on Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can help us do that, reminding us of our dependence on God and helping us shift our focus from ourselves to God and others. How we observe and experience Lent will differ for each of us. Whatever our personal desert looks like, we can rest assured that God will help us find our way back to him.

**ACCOMPANIMENT:** Find an accountability partner for Lent who can help you stay the course these next 40 days. Perhaps you can pray together each day, or simply send a text sharing how God is working in and through you in this penitential season.



BE PART OF THE CAMPAIGN

Area Reconciliation Services

Date	Time	Parish
Mon, March 7	7:00 pm	Holy Trinity, DSM
Tues, March 8	7:00 pm	St. Francis of Assisi, WDM
Sun, March 20	1:00 pm	St. Mary/Holy Cross, Elkhart
Wed, March 23	6:30 pm	St. Augustin, DSM
Wed, March 23	7:00 pm	St. Theresa, DSM
Thurs, March 24	7:00 pm	St. Pius X, Urbandale
Sun, March 27	3:00 pm	St. Mary of Nazareth, DSM
Tues, March 29	6:30 pm	St. Joseph, DSM
Wed, March 30	6:30 pm	Assumption, Granger
Wed, March 30	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart, WDM
Thurs, March 31	7:00 pm	Ss. John & Paul. Altoona
Sun, April 3	1:00 pm	St. John, Norwalk



At OLIH, additional reconciliation times are offered on:  
 Wednesdays: 5:30-6:30 pm  
 (NOT March 16 due to FIA)  
 Fridays: 11:30 am-1:30 pm  
 Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anonymous  
 Steve Becker  
 Dennis Busby  
 Viola Dubay  
 Matthew Forgry  
 Ginny Glaub  
 Eileen Janni  
 Gary Jones  
 Gina Lawrence Sokol  
 Joy Nagel  
 Janella Neverman

Mike Schaffer  
 Nancy Stefani  
 Roger Stefani  
 Gary Vanderley  
 Victims of COVID-19



Please let us know of any parishioners or family members who should still be on the prayer list. We will keep their names on the prayer list for 3 months unless you notify us otherwise.

To Help with the Ignite Campaign

If you feel called to volunteer to help our parish in this landmark effort, please contact Fr. Amadeo or the parish office, 515/964-3038, and we can provide you additional details.

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