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Seek Him, Love Him, Follow Him



This Week

Mar 12—Return to the Root

9:00-11:00 am, Mini-Retreat with Joyce Rupp

Mar 13—Doughnut Sunday

After Mass, Social Hall, hosted by the Pastoral Council

Mar 13-16—Faith in Action, HS Youth in service to the community

Mar 7-14—Solidarity Walk

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

Mar 14—Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, 7:00 pm, Mary's Place

Mar 15—Jesus Study, 7:00 pm, Mary's Place

Mar 17—Love Study, 6:30 pm ZOOM

Mar 18—Soup Supper, Social Hall
6:00 pm (following Stations)

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—8:30-10:00 am

Check the website, www.olih.org/lent-at-olih for additional Lenten activities.

March 12 & 13, 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 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 the Friday of the week before publication.

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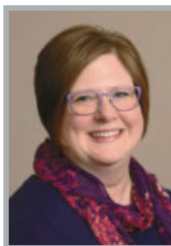
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SEEK HIM: LENT 2022



Each month I typically hear from at least one person who is seeking to join the church. We begin to meet regularly and our conversations center around what led them to this moment, their journey of faith, and an exploration of what they are seeking not just now, but also in the future. I have heard some of the most beautiful testimonies, whether it's a desire to raise a family in faith or to receive the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, people are seeking something important as they walk into my office. As I reflect on these encounters I think of the Disciples in the Gospel of John (6:67-69) when all but the twelve leave Jesus and Jesus asks them, "do you also want to leave?" and Peter replies "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Peter knows Jesus is the "Holy One of God." As we seek Jesus in our own lives it can be easy to act as the other disciples who found Jesus' teaching hard and walk away. However, when you seek Jesus and come to know Him, you are willing to be bold like Peter and the rest of the 12, staying with Jesus even when it is hard.

Lent is a more intense spiritual preparation for the "Elect" (those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil). It is during these final weeks of preparation that they are no longer learning about faith, but instead are going through a time of deeper reflection intended to "purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. This period is intended as well to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior" (RCIA 139). During Lent, we, with the elect, are called to repent, to let go of those things that hold us back from really knowing Jesus, thus opening up and freeing our hearts to fully receive Him.

This week in **Lent 2022: Seek Him, Love Him, Follow Him** -

- Faith in Action (teens from the DSM area) will be using our facility as home-base as they spend their days on mission!
- Friday - Soup Supper
- Sunday night - *Prayerful Painting* (you can still sign up!)
- Check the website for the regular times for Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Stations of the Cross

Patty Mayer

Director of Adult Faith Formation | RCIA Coordinator | Spiritual Director



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 20, April 10 & 24)
- Kindergarten Catechist-Sundays 8:30 (March 20, 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) for the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry scholarships. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000. Applications are due to the OLIH office by March 31.



Q How can the assembly help the catechumens?

A In many ways! Through their friendly, welcoming demeanor toward catechumens, by learning their names, greeting them, and engaging them in conversation, assembly members reassure them that they have a place in the community. Most of the rites of initiation take place at Sunday Mass. By its attention and participation in these rites, the assembly expresses the community's care and encouragement for the catechumens. What's more, at every liturgy, catechumens look to assembly members as models, following their example and reflecting on the meaning of the rituals as they watch the assembly's responses. Welcoming the catechumens into parish activities not only makes them feel included, it also provides them glimpses of the life of disciples. Becoming a sponsor for a catechumen is yet another way assembly members could be helpful. Finally, the faithful can pray for the catechumens throughout the week.

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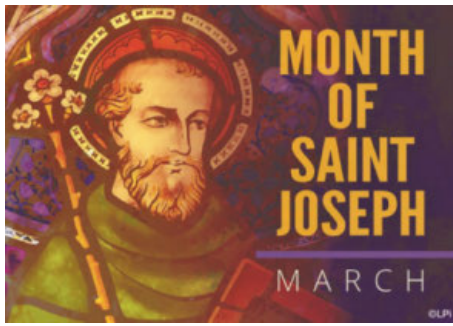
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 Tracy Healy, David Orth, husband of
 Judy and Gladys Steilen,
 founding OLIH parishioner.*
 God grant them eternal rest.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 13

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
 Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
 Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
 Thurs: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sat: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Next Sun:
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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Monday, March 14
 8:30 am Dave Beckmann †

Tuesday, March 15
 8:30 am Sue Schinzel †
 5:30 pm Jose Romero Sr †

Wednesday, March 16
 8:30 am Charles & Mildred McKenna †

Friday, March 18
 8:30 am Peter J Meehan †

Saturday, March 19
 5:00 pm Tracy Brady †, Mary & Anthony DeFino †

Sunday, March 20
 8:30 am Luis & Ruby Evans †
 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, 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, 563/380-0026 or **Ann Wright** annwright7@msn.com, 515/229-8029. You can check out available products at www.annmariewright.norwex.biz or 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.



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 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.*

Cubs Trip Cancelled

With the baseball lockout taking place, plans for the bus/overnight trip have been cancelled. At this point we'll be watching a lot of I-Cubs baseball!

TWO APPEALS

Annual Appeal to Begin

Next weekend, **March 19 & 20**, we kick off the Annual Diocesan Appeal Sunday. 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. Every gift helps us reach our goal of **\$280,975** (a decrease from last year).



Common Questions about the *Ignite!* Campaign

The *Ignite!* Campaign will help address needs unique to OLIH while also helping our growing Diocese ensure a bright future of the Church in Southwest Iowa.

Please note that the *Ignite!* Campaign is a separate endeavor from the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA), which is currently under way. The *Ignite!* Campaign will officially kick off in early May.



How is the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) different from this campaign? Will it continue?

The ADA funds diocesan operations, ministries and programs. The *Ignite!* Campaign is an extraordinary effort that seeks gifts above and beyond the ADA and parish offertory to support the long term and visionary needs of the Diocese. The ADA will continue because suspending it would eventually depress its performance, hindering the mission of the Diocese and, by extension, it would also negatively impact many parish families.

Exploring Your Cannonball Moments

This year is the 500th Anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius Loyola, after a cannonball shattered his leg and ended the dreams and plans he had for his life. But Ignatius' Cannonball Moment was the beginning of the unfolding of a bigger dream God had for Ignatius, a dream about serving the needs of others, accompanied by Jesus, humble and poor.

In this day of prayer, we will reflect on the Cannonball Moments of our own lives, and how they have served to make us better servants of other people and God's dream for the world. We hope you will join us in person or virtually on **April 2**, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Cost is \$40; register at www.themmaushouse.org/upcoming-events.

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.

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.

Retreat for Seniors

Radix is a three-day weekend retreat, **April 1-3**, for high school seniors to step out of the hectic nature of their last semester for a relaxing and prayerful experience that prepares them to be more fully rooted in Christ as they go forth from the lives they've come to know so well.

Retreat begins at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora with dinner at 5:30 pm on Friday, and ends with Mass on Sunday at 3:00 pm.

Registration is \$150, with some financial assistance available upon request. Email Justin White at white@dmdiocese.org for information.

St Michael's Retreat

Open to all Catholic boys in Diocese Grades 3-8

Where: St. Augustin Church & parish hall

When: Saturday, **March 26**, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (5:00 pm Mass at St. Augustin Church included)

Cost: \$25 (Scholarships available)

Led by high school boys and local priests, Fun Activities and Games; Talks; Urban Air in Ankeny (Adult drivers); Pizza and snacks included

Register by Monday, March 21. For more information or to register, contact: Kmpierick@gmail.com or Jeff Pierick at 515-778-6087

MAR 19 & 20 MINISTRIES

Saturday, MARCH 19 AT 5:00 PM**Cross Bearer:** Dwight Whitlatch (*sub requested*)**Eucharistic Captain:** Mike Jensen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tina & Ty Barten, Michael Mott, Angela (*sub requested*) & Dan Ossian, Anita Turczynski, Amy Wall**Hospitality:** Tony Farrell, Frank Kerkove, Brad Wall**Lector:** Kathy Lickteig & Don Ochs**Music:** Erin Stoltenberg, Chris Pierson & Owen Ferguson (*sub requested*)**Livestreaming:** Eric & Zachary Parsons**Sunday, MARCH 20 AT 8:30 AM****Cross Bearer:** Joe Gioffredi**Eucharistic Captain:** Glen Swanson**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deb Arend, Janet Harmeyer, Jean Larsen, Joleen Scheer, Cari Spear, Brent Steemken (*sub requested*), Kathy Swanson**Hospitality Captain:** Kurt Larsen**Hospitality:** Denise & Rod Cundy, Jim Harkin, Kevin Smith, Doug Wright**Lector:** Lee Przybylski & Joan Sieczkowski**Music:** Ellyn Cottingham & Molly Hackman**Sound:** Joe Corso**Sunday, MARCH 20 AT 10:30 AM****Cross Bearer:** Toby Berberich**Eucharistic Captain:** John Ledvina**Eucharistic Ministers:** Vicki Berberich, Barb Ledvina, Nick Meng, John Pieper, Laura Wood, LuAnn Wooley**Hospitality Captain:** Eric Stall**Hospitality:** Greg Clawson, John & Renness Lonning, Rick Rewerts, Pat White**Lector:** Anna Bernard & Joe Gardyasz**Music:** Lydia Schettler & Ella Cavin**Sound:** Bob White**Money Counters****Monday, March 14:** Jolee Belzung, Nancy Rude, Susan Thornton**Monday, March 21:** Virginia Dahm, Ruth Ward, Bob White

March 13, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

2nd Sunday in Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 | Phil 3:17-4:1 | Lk 9:28b-36

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

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus is transfigured before the disciples: They see a glorious vision of him wearing dazzling white, with a "face changed in appearance," and conversing with Moses and Elijah about the "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is in marked contrast to what Luke had recounted just prior to these verses: Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death, and the assertion that his disciples must take up their crosses daily in order to follow him. So it is no surprise that Peter, likely somewhat stunned after being a part of both moments, "did not know what he was saying." Then a cloud passes over and, while they are frightened, they hear God's voice affirm what they have just seen: "This my chosen Son; listen to him." We all experience these extremes – days where all seems lost; others where we feel as though we've had glimpses of heaven. Today's Gospel encourages us to look to Jesus, who has experienced the frailty of humanity and the glory of divinity. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, we are redeemed, and ultimately – as the disciples glimpsed today – "he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

GO: EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Life can bring unexpected joys and disappointments. One day we celebrate a birth; another we grieve the loss of a loved one. We fall in love; we experience broken relationships. Many of us may find ourselves in flux much of the time: Will this pandemic ever end? Will the cancer recur? What's next now that the kids are grown? Today's readings give me great hope in the knowledge that God is with us through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of our lives. Just as God fulfilled his promises to Abraham, God has given us a Savior in Jesus Christ and promises that we will someday share in his glory. To that end, we can strive to ensure that no darkness in our world prevents us from becoming a source of light to others. Jesus and the saints walk before us. We pray, then, for the grace to listen to God's chosen Son, and to "stand firm in the Lord."

PRAY: Lent is a good time to try a new form of prayer. Do you often pray silently? Try the rosary or spoken prayer. Do you normally pray out loud? Try centering prayer or another form of quiet or silent prayer, such as *Lectio Divina*.



BE PART OF THE CAMPAIGN

Area Reconciliation Services

Date	Time	Parish
Sun, March 20	1:00 pm	St. Mary/Holy Cross, Elkhart
Wed, March 23	6:00 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

Additional Reconciliation Times

Tuesday, April 5	6:00 pm	St. Boniface, Waukee
Tuesdays	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart, WDM
M-F 6pm, Sat/Sun	4:30 pm	Christ the King, DSM

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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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.

St Ambrose Cathedral to Host Monthly Healing Service

On March 16, all are invited to attend a healing service at the Cathedral at 7:00 pm. "Come to me, all you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

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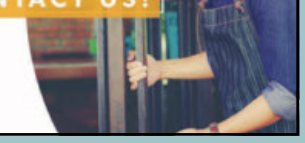


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