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OLIH Lenten Project—Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Seek Him, Love Him, Follow Him



This Week

Mar 20—Prayerful Painting

6:30-8:00 pm, Reflect on the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman using Lectio Divina

Mar 21—Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, 7:00 pm, Mary's Place

Mar 22—Jesus Study, 7:00 pm, Mary's Place

Mar 24—Love Study, 6:30 pm ZOOM

Mar 25—KC Fish Fry, Social Hall

5:00-7:00 pm (Dine -in or Carry-out)

Weekly:

Daily Mass

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

Prayer Service—Church

Wed—6:30-7:00 pm

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 19 & 20, 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.

Parish Address

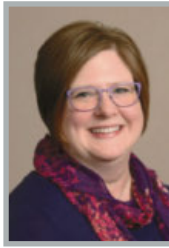
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LOVE HIM: LENT 2022



We use the word love for so many things. Look up the definition of love and you will find it encompasses a whole spectrum of positive emotions from "like or enjoy very much" to "an intense feeling of deep affection for." Love describes how we feel about things, as well as people. Through my ministry, as well as the trials of life, I have spent a lot of time contemplating

love and what it means to love and to be loved. As I reflect today, I'm taken back to a prayer experience I had less than a year after my divorce. In my prayer I imagined myself talking with Jesus. He asked me if I loved him and I wholeheartedly exclaimed, "yes, I do." Jesus then encouraged me to ask him the same question. My reaction was to immediately to step away from Jesus. This was disturbing to me. Spending time with this reaction, I came to realize that as a result of what I had gone through, I believed I was not loveable. In His gentle way Jesus reminded me that real love is reciprocal, both given and received, and that for me to fully love Him, I must allow Him to love me, even the pieces of me that I would prefer to hide. That time of prayer continues to remind me how important it is to stay grounded, not only in keeping my eyes on and loving Jesus, but also believing wholeheartedly in my own belovedness.

If Jesus showed up at your house today and asked, "do you love me?", how would you respond? If you asked Jesus, "do you love me?", imagine how He would respond, and how you would react to Him. What, if anything, holds you back from wholeheartedly loving Jesus?

RCIA - The Elect

This weekend we walk with our elect (those to be baptized at the Easter vigil) through the first "scrutiny." This will take place at the 8:30 am Mass. A scrutiny is a rite of self-searching and repentance. It is a time for both the Elect (**Jade and Tyler**) and for all of us, to look at our lives under the light of the Gospel. The scrutinies intend to uncover any weak spiritual resolve and to bring out and strengthen what is upright, strong, and good. The readings used at the 8:30 Mass will be different. Our Gospel reading for the scrutiny will be the story of the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42). For your own reflection: Read the story. Pause and imagine yourself there. Take a moment to sit with Jesus at the well. What parts of your life are you holding back from Him? What would happen if you allowed Jesus into the dark spaces of your life? How do you share the story of Jesus with others?

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

- Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 pm Adoration and Reconciliation; 6:30-7:00 pm Taize Prayer Service
 - Friday - 5:00-7:00 pm Fish Fry - good food and fellowship!
- 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

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Developmental disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas. These conditions begin during the developmental period, may impact day-to-day functioning, and usually last throughout a person's lifetime. (<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd>).

- These disabilities may or may not be visible and are not the cause of TV, poor parenting, or laziness
- Individuals with developmental delays can be highly intelligent
- Many children and adults in our parish have developmental disabilities

What can you do? Be patient, be kind, and pray for each other

For more information regarding our Special Needs Ministry please contact Mary Sankey at marys@olih.org or 515/964-3545 ext. 118.

FOR TEENS

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.**



MSYM Gr 6-8: Service & a Movie

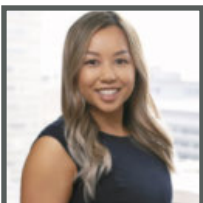
Join us as we tie fleece blankets and watch a movie (dinner served, too!). Friends are welcome. Money & fleece donations (2 yd square) are greatly appreciated. Sunday, **March 20** 5:30-7:30 pm: Hope to see you there!

Do you have a student at ISU?

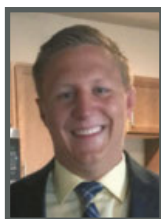
Bishop William Joensen and Father Ross Parker are heading to St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center at Iowa State University for their "Thursday Night Live" Mass on Thursday, **March 31** at 9:15 pm. Invite your ISU student to join them!

MEET OUR RCIA ELECT

On our Gathering Space table you will see prayer cards for our RCIA Elect. Please take one (or more) and offer prayers as the Elect journey toward their full communion with the Church.



Jade Song



Tyler Willet



Sara Pasquale
Joins us the end of
March from NV.

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The Staff will be out of the office at an off-site retreat on Thursday, **March 24**. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 20

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

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sun:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

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Monday, March 21

8:30 am James Spersflage †
10:00 am Sarah Magnani † *at Millpond*

Tuesday, March 22

8:30 am Gladys Miner †
5:30 pm Michelle Williams †

Wednesday, March 23

8:30 am Ray Mur †

Friday, March 25

8:30 am Sam Corsello †

Saturday, March 26

5:00 pm Gloria Wall †

Sunday, March 27

8:30 am Sheila Benedict †
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? Last Week to Order!

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 **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.*

Knit One Purl Two

Do you knit or crochet? Please join us in making knitted, crocheted, or sewn items for charity. All skill levels are welcome; just bring whatever you are working on for a fun afternoon of sharing and conversation on Wednesday, **March 23**: 1:00 - 2:30pm in Room 11. Our focus this month is baby items: blankets, baby & preemie hats, booties, & sweaters. Maternity clothes may also be donated. Vicki Kolbinger, vickikolbinger@gmail.com 515/865-1746.

TWO APPEALS

Annual Appeal to Begin

This weekend, **March 19 & 20**, we kick off the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA). The 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 have received 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).



The *Ignite!* Campaign will be an invitation, not an expectation

In a couple of months, after the Annual Diocesan Appeal is complete and after Easter, OLIH will begin the *Ignite!* Campaign.



The campaign is a wonderful opportunity to address the needs of our parishes and the Diocese. Each family at our parish will be asked to make a meaningful gift. Please know that the request for support will be an invitation, not an expectation.

Our parish is assembling a team of volunteers who will help with the campaign in the months ahead. They will be serving as an extension of Bishop Joensen and Fr. Amadeo to provide information, answer questions and invite you to participate. Your charitable gift will benefit future generations of Catholics in Southwest Iowa!

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Our next Catholic Daughters meeting will be held Tuesday, **April 5** at 6:30 pm in the Banquet Room. Our guest speaker is Officer Walter Reed, Community Outreach Officer. Don't forget to get your order in for our "Spring Cleaning" Norwex fundraiser (see previous page). Our Bakeless Bake Sale is also going on this month with the funds raised going to Randy Henderson and the youth group to help with costs for our youth to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference this June. The theme for this year's conference is "*Fearless. In Him you will be strong*". If you would like to donate, get your money to Sharon Brunkan by April 1.

We are always accepting new members to Catholic Daughters, but if you aren't sure what we are about, please come to the meeting. We would love to meet you and show you!!! *Don't forget to Love. Do not be afraid. In him you will be strong. In Him you will be fearless!*

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

DM Young Catholic Singles Group Lent Service Event at St. Vincent de Paul Society

Join us for a Saturday morning of sorting and cleaning thrift store donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Society thrift store on Army Post Road. Come dressed to work with dusty items (jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, etc.). We'll be outside, weather permitting. There will be socializing as we work, but we'll also go out to lunch after for any who are interested. Lunch location TBD.

For Catholic singles in their 20s and 30s
Saturday, **March 26** 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
520 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315

For details, please email YCDMCatholicSingles@gmail.com.

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 Frozen". Register today at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn.

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

Exploring Your 'Cannonball Moments'

This year is the 500th Anniversary of St. Ignatius Loyola and his Cannonball Moment—the beginning of 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. 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.theemmaushouse.org/upcoming-events.

MAR 26 & 27 MINISTRIES

Saturday, MARCH 26 AT 5:00 PM**Cross Bearer:** Brad Wall**Eucharistic Captain:** Mike Jensen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diana Fitzpatrick, Deb Goebel, Jodi Judge, Linda McTaggart, Michael Mott, Anita Turczynski, Amy Wall**Hospitality:** Julie DeLanoit, Gordon Havlik Erin Larsen**Lector:** Becca Hutter & Steve Smith**Music:** Mark Riewer & Carla Burlage**Livestreaming:** Diane & Tom Primmer**Sunday, MARCH 27 AT 8:30 AM****Cross Bearer:** James Thurston**Eucharistic Captain:** Barry Spear**Eucharistic Ministers:** JoAnn Curran, Patty Karbacka, Jeff Robinson, Cari Spear, Brent & Julie Steemken, Kathy Swanson**Hospitality Captain:** Paul Arend**Hospitality:** Joe Corso, Diane & Mark Hamilton, Chris Harmeyer**Lector:** Paul Gilbert & Sandra Thurston**Music:** Joe & Jackie Carey, Chris Pierson**Sound:** Nick Kolacia**Sunday, MARCH 27 AT 10:30 AM****Cross Bearer:** Tom Doruska**Eucharistic Captain:** Wayne Rude**Eucharistic Ministers:** Toby & Vicki Berberich, Misty Hade, Michelle Heyer, Jill Kreutzer, Melanie Richardson**Hospitality Captain:** Pat White**Hospitality:** Pai; Breitbarth, Curt Carlson, Jeni Green, Jeff Richards**Lector:** John Armstrong & Sara Doruska**Music:** Andrea Maher & Ella Cavin**Sound:** Eric Stall**Money Counters****Monday, March 21:** Virginia Dahm, Ruth Ward, Bob White**Monday, March 28:** Pat Battani, Mary Dobson, Jim Harkin, Sheila Mattheis

March 20, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

3rd 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

Several years ago, my family gave me a blueberry bush for Mother's Day. It has yet to produce a single berry. However, I can't bring myself to remove it, and today's Gospel encourages me to be patient (a Google search reveals that it can take several years for a blueberry bush to produce a harvest!). The parable of the fig tree shows us how patient God is with us. Like the fig tree, we may not bear fruit or feel as if we're growing spiritually, even as we enter the second half of Lent. Yet Jesus teaches us that if we nurture our faith through prayer and repentance of our sins, we can always grow and blossom. Like the gardener, we need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us.

GO: EVANGELIZE |

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It strikes me that in the parable of the fig tree, the gardener offered to cultivate the ground around it. Just as a tree needs light and water and a little individual TLC, it needs good soil. I think for us Catholics, that can be where our parish community and the broader Church come in. Through small actions such as greeting newcomers at Sunday Mass or volunteering in a parish ministry, we can become the fertile soil that nourishes not only our own faith, but that of the entire community. The 2021-23 Synod on Synodality invites us to share our faith and also to listen without judgment to the experiences of others. In doing so, we as a Church can grow stronger. As Pope Francis said in his opening prayer, "May this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy."



STUDY Learn about the Synod on Synodality: www.usccb.org/synod. Check your parish bulletin to see how you can get involved.

The Diocese of Des Moines will be launching a number of 'listening sessions' as part of the synod process beginning **June 1, 2022** and lasting through **May 31, 2023**.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Holy Week Choir 2022

The Holy Week Choir will sing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the 8:30 am Easter Sunday Masses this year. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm; please join this ministry comprised of those who love to sing and lead our assemblies in song! Contact our Director of Worship Erin Stoltenberg at erin@olih.org for more information.

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
 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
Mon-Fri	6:00 pm	Christ the King, DSM
Sat/Sun	4:30 pm	“ “

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anonymous
 Steve Becker
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 Ginny Glaub
 Eileen Janni
 Gary Jones
 Gina Lawrence Sokol
 Joy Nagel
 Janella Neverman

Mike Schaffer
 John Schweers
 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.

Bishop Joensen at OLIH

Join us on Monday, April 4 at 7:30 pm for a talk by Bishop Joensen on the Divine Mercy devotion. Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, Council 5038. All are invited. Bring a friend!
Divine Mercy Sunday is always held the Sunday following Easter—April 24 this year.

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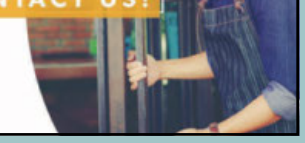


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