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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 27-Apr 3—Family Promise

Takes place off site; meal providers and overnight hosts needed

Mar 28—Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, 7:00 pm, Mary's Place

Mar 29—Jesus Study, 7:00 pm, Mary's Place

Mar 30—Adoration/Reconciliation followed by Lectio Divina Prayer Service, 5:30 pm

Mar 31—Love Study, 6:30 pm ZOOM

Apr 1—Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Supper 5:30 pm

Apr 2—Mary's Mass & Adoration 8:30 am Liturgical Minsters Workshop, 9:00 am with lunch at 12 Noon

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 26 & 27, 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

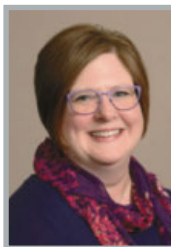
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LOVE HIM: LENT 2022



Think of someone you love, in the last week have you given up something you wanted or wanted to do for that person? Last weekend I was with my sister and her family, my plan was to stay for a short time, then get home to do some work around my house. The youngest set the timer on my Fitbit for one hour and said I could not leave until it went off, at 10 minutes left she reset it for another hour. I stayed, and played, and read bedtime stories, then I went home filled with the joy of having spent that time with family. That is what we do in relationship, we give up something we would like for the other. If you love someone, you are willing to compromise and sacrifice in order to spend time with them or show them how much you love them. Do we do the same for Jesus?

I am often asked about fasting during Lent —how does fasting make me holier? Although denying ourselves from enjoying something gives us a good exercise in self-discipline, it does not make us holier. When we fast, or give up something, the challenge is to be intentional in what we do to replace that time or energy. If I give up TV, which I did this year, what am I doing with the time I would have spent watching Netflix? If all I do is watch videos on my phone instead, that defeats the purpose, but if I am intentionally spending more time connecting with others, reading spiritual books, or praying, then I am moving closer to God as a result. Many people will tell me that they have decided to “do” something, rather than give up something. By intentionally “doing” we are consciously or unconsciously choosing to give up something else in order to have the time, energy, or availability to “do.” So, either way you put it, when we give up one thing in order to open space to “do” something we are moving toward Jesus. This Lent how are you being intentional in moving towards Jesus?

News on the Elect

This weekend we welcome **Sara Pasquale** as one of our elect, and her husband Justin as they join us on their journey!

This week the scrutiny for our Elect (those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil) is at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. The Gospel we will read is the story of the man born blind (John 9:1-41). What blindness do I suffer from? Do I recognize Jesus in my life? Am I willing to stand up boldly for Jesus?

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

- Wednesday: 5:30-6:30 Adoration and Reconciliation; 6:30-7:00 pm *Visio Divina: Praying with Lazarus*
- Friday – Stations of the Cross (5:30 pm) and Soup Supper (6:00-7:00 pm)
- Saturday – Liturgical Ministry Retreat and Training (9:00 am to 12:00 pm)
- Check the website for the regular times for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, 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 result 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 Due March 31

Applications are 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.**



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!

FEED THE HUNGRY

Food Pantry

Next weekend, **April 2 & 3**, please bring your items for the Food Pantry. You can also go to our website and donate through our Virtual Food Drive under 'Parish Events'.

Fair Trade Coffee

Pick up or place an order for coffee harvested in El Salvador. For \$10 a pound you can help insure a fair wage for the farmers there. Regular and Decaf varieties are available.

Turn in Your Rice Bowls

How have you been doing with our Parish Lenten Project? Over the next few weeks you will find a basket by the baptismal font where you can drop your box or any other offering you have for *Project Rice Bowl*.

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*Please remember —
John Schweers,
husband of the late Kathy and
father of Ryan, Allison and
Audrey and
Janella Neverman,
sister-in-law of Linda Greenwood.
God grant them eternal rest.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 27

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
 Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
 Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
 Thurs: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
 Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sun: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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Monday, March 28

8:30 am Nancy Vorrath †

Tuesday, March 29

8:30 am Kathryn Emery †

5:30 pm Don & Rosetta Hanson †

Wednesday, March 30

8:30 am LeAnn Stefani Anderlik †

Friday, April 1

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters

10:00 am Don Hartman † *at Sunnyview*

Saturday, April 2

8:30 am Sheila Benedict †

5:00 pm Telesforo & Alicia Paluay †

Sunday, April 3

8:30 am Paul Evans †

10:30 am People of the Parish

AT OLIH



Final Fish 'Fry'-Days

The final Fish Fry dinner by the Knights will be in the multi-purpose room from 5:00-7:00 pm, on Friday, **April 8**. 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 final Fish Fry on **April 1**.

St Luke's KC will have their Fish Fry on **April 8**, 4:30-7:00 pm.

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. 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!*

LEND YOUR SUPPORT

Make Holy Thursday Come ALIVE!

Please bring new pairs of men's white work socks to the OLIH Holy Thursday service, **April 14**. The socks will be given to Des Moines Catholic Worker House for their socks exchange program.

Palm Sunday Procession for Peace

Sunday, April 10, 2022

"Who Are My Adversaries?"

2:30-2:45 pm
Gather in the south parking lot at the Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community 3306 University Des Moines, Iowa

3:00 pm
Proceed to Grace United Methodist Church 3700 Cottage Grove Des Moines, Iowa

3:30 pm
Worship at Grace United Methodist Church 3700 Cottage Grove Des Moines, Iowa

We will express a vision of peace and justice and a position against racism and war, remembering the true meaning of Palm Sunday, and renew our commitment to be instruments of God's peace. Our speaker will be the Rt. Reverend Betsey Monnot, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa.

Please bring palms from your Sunday morning service.
Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace

TWO APPEALS

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

In just our second week, we had **314** families who donated or made a pledge to the ADA. That small number got us over **42%** of our goal! We are hoping the remaining 2,015 families that call OLIH home will contribute as well. We're hoping to have 100% participation. If you have not yet made your pledge/gift, please prayerfully consider doing so.



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).

How can I volunteer for the *Ignite!* Campaign?

The *Ignite!* Campaign invites us all to secure the future of the Church in Southwest Iowa. And we need many volunteers to serve as ambassadors on behalf of Fr. Amadeo and Bishop Joensen. If a fellow parishioner asks you to join the volunteer team, please prayerfully consider their request!



As a volunteer, you will:

- Only commit to a month and a half of active campaigning (May through mid-June).
- Personally follow-up with 8-10 parishioners to encourage their participation and share a pledge card with them.
- There will be no cold calls, as volunteers will not know what is being asked of those they follow up with. Request amounts will be solely between Fr. Amadeo and each parish family.
- Attend meetings to learn about the progress of the campaign and report on the status of your visits.
- **The first meeting will be Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 pm.**



Liturgical Ministers Appreciation & Workshop

All current and want-to-be Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cross Bearers, Hospitality Ministers, Live Stream Team and Music Ministers are invited to join us NEXT Saturday, **April 2** at 9:00 am (finishing with lunch at 12 Noon). Call the Office, 515/064-3038 so we can save you a space.

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

Exploring Your 'Cannonball Moments'

This year is the 500th Anniversary of St. Ignatius of 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.

Man Up: The Sacred Triduum

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. Fr. McManus, the Pastor of Christ the King Parish, DSM, will enlighten us and challenge us as we prepare for "our best Triduum ever"!

Friday, **April 8**, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, WDM

Meatless Pizza (courtesy of the Catholic Tuition Organization) will be available for a free-will offering.

Register for this event at

www.iowacatholicradio.com/events

Benefit Concert

Start off your Holy Week with a pro-life benefit concert on **April 9**, 7:00- 8:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church, 2926 Beaver Ave, DSM featuring excerpts from the musicals of Tom Quiner from the past 25 years. You will hear songs from **Calvary**, **the Resurrection Story**, **The Pope of the People**, **the JPII Musical**, and **The Fire and the Mercy**, **the Pentecost Musical**. Cost is \$10/free will offering.

Dowling Catholic's Bash on Buffalo is Back!

It will be **April 9** in the Dowling gym. Go to the Dowling website for more information. In the meantime, take a chance. Donate \$100 for a chance to win \$5000 by purchasing a raffle ticket! Go to dowling-catholic.org/bash-on-buffalo for details.

APR 2 & 3 MINISTRIES

Saturday, APRIL 2 AT 5:00 PM**Cross Bearer:** Derrick Tallman**Eucharistic Captain:** Mike Jensen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deb Goebel, Robin & Todd Misel, Michael Mott, Joan & Tom Quinlin, Sr Susan Widdel**Hospitality:** Tony Farrell, Frank Kerkove, Mike Myhre**Lector:** Janice Throckmorton & Ann Wright**Music:** Lydia Schettler & Owen Ferguson**Livestreaming:** Diane & Tom Primmer**Sunday, APRIL 3 AT 8:30 AM****Cross Bearer:** Jon Gioffredi**Eucharistic Captain:** Wesley Hutter**Eucharistic Ministers:** John & Jolene Baumhover, JoAnn Curran, Biff & Cindy Renner, Kari Smith, Fran Stefani**Hospitality Captain:** Mark Schmitt**Hospitality:** Dayla Cockerham, Travis Gavin (*sub requested*), Asa Hutton Jr, Glen Swanson, Greg Wandrey**Lector:** Andrea Goes & Abby Henderson**Music:** Joan Jamison & Dan Curran**Sound:** Nick Kolacia**Sunday, APRIL 3 AT 10:30 AM****Cross Bearer:** Ryan King**Eucharistic Captain:** Wayne Rude**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barb & John Ledvina, Laura Parsons, Kari Seivert, Mary Stoltenberg, Diane Ward**Hospitality Captain:** Bill Wood**Hospitality:** Sharon Conrad, Emily & Joe Gardyasz, Chris McKone, Julie Wood**Lector:** Brian Graeve & Bill Konnath**Music:** Ellyn Cottingham, Erin Stoltenberg & Chris Pierson**Sound:** Becky Robovsky**Money Counters****Monday, March 28:** Pat Battani, Mary Dobson, Jim Harkin, Sheila Mattheis**Monday, April 4:** Deb Arend, Becky & Kirk Schwiete, Cari Spear

LITURGY & MUSIC

Holy Week Choir 2022

The Holy Week Choir will sing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Vigil 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.

March 27, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

4th Sunday in Lent

Jos 5:9a,10-12 | 2 Cor 5:17-21 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

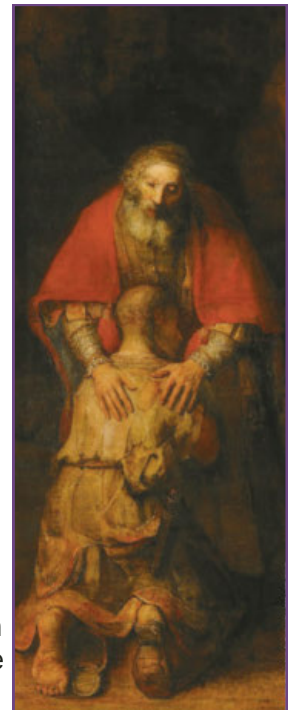
GROW: AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today we celebrate Laetare (which means “rejoice”) Sunday. As we mark the midpoint of Lent, we allow ourselves to look ahead with joyful anticipation of Jesus’ resurrection, even as we continue our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Amidst these penitential practices of Lent, this day offers a reminder that we have reason for hope. The parable of the prodigal son shows us what hope looks like. When the father caught sight of his wayward son, he did not see the young man who made bad choices, wasted his inheritance, and disobeyed him. He looked at him with eyes of unconditional love, rejoicing that “he was lost and has been found.” That’s how Jesus viewed the sinners and tax collectors, and how the Father views us, his wayward sons and daughters, when we return to him in contrition and love. So as we continue our Lenten practices, let’s take time to give thanks for the goodness and mercy of God today, knowing that the Lord awaits us with open arms when we acknowledge our sinfulness and rely upon him for all that is good.

GO: EVANGELIZE |

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Is it me, or are some of the parables hard to figure out? The parable of the prodigal son is one we’ve heard over and over again, and resonates across ages and generations. Some of us may relate to the prodigal son and others to the dutiful brother. The parents and grandparents among us may have been in the father’s shoes at some point. What better time than Lent to reflect on what the story means to us at this point in our lives: Are we awaiting the return of a disaffected loved one? Are we in need of repenting for our own actions? The answer will be different for each of us, but we can rejoice in the fact that we are loved unconditionally by God wherever we are on our Lenten and life journeys. Our challenge is to open our hearts to that love; as we do so, we can’t help but be transformed and in turn share that love with others through friendship, service, and generosity. As St. Paul writes, “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: The old things have passed away.”



ACT: On Laetare Sunday, priests may wear rose-colored vestments as a symbol of joy. Carry this sense of joy into your day by placing roses at the table, bringing flowers to a friend, or calling someone with whom you’ve fallen out of touch.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Area Reconciliation Services

| Date | Time | Parish |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 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

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| 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 |

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Joy Nagel
 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.

If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, envelopes are on the back table for the Easter flowers fund or go online to our 'Giving' page and follow directions for 'Text to Give' or 'Online Giving'. Donations received by April 10 will be noted in the bulletin.



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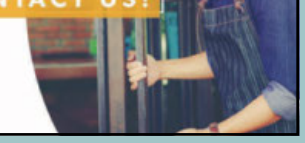


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