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## Seek Him, Love Him, Follow Him



### This Week

**Apr 10—Doughnut Sunday**, Social Hall  
After Mass; hosted by the Finance Council

**Apr 10—Sensory Egg Hunt**, East Lawn for  
Special Needs children and their  
siblings hosted by area churches

**Apr 11—Jesus & Jewish Roots**, 7:00 pm  
Mary's Place

**Apr 12—Jesus Study**, 7:00 pm, Mary's  
Place

**Apr 13—Adoration/Reconciliation** followed  
by Sorrowful Mysteries, 5:30 pm

### Holy Week

**Mon, Apr 11**  
Mass —8:30 am

**Tues, Apr 12**  
Mass —8:30 am followed by  
Stations of the Cross  
Mass —5:30 pm

**Wed, Apr 13**  
Mass —8:30 am  
5:30 pm—Adoration/Reconciliation  
followed by Sorrowful Mysteries

**Thurs, Apr 14**  
7:00 pm—Mass, Washing of the  
Feet; Adoration until 10:00 pm

### **Fri, Apr 15**

7:00 pm—Passion Reading &  
Veneration of Cross

### **Sat, April 16**

8:00 pm, Service of Light/Rite  
of Christian Initiation/Mass

### **Sun, April 17**

8:30 & 10:30 am Mass; MPR & Church

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

## April 9 & 10, 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: 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.

**Parish Address**

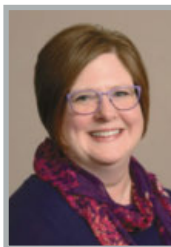
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## FOLLOW HIM: LENT 2022



Jesus tells us how to follow Him, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24).

Have you ever stood there at the beginning or end of Mass and watched the procession? Do you notice the cross, and its placement in the procession? The cross leads, those in the procession follow the cross. For the last several months I have been drawn to the cross as it leads Father both to the altar for the Mass, and as it leads him out of the church into what some call the "mission field," or place where we are all called to go and share the love and mercy of Jesus with those we meet throughout the week. In RCIA the first public rite that we do is called the *Rite of Acceptance*, this is where a person entering the journey has completed initial conversations and is ready to say "Yes, I want to become Catholic." It is during this Rite that Father gives them the "cross of Christ." Here, at OLIH, Father literally hands them the processional cross. Because of its weight Father leans the cross towards them as they receive it, a beautifully symbolic gesture to remind us of the weight of the cross and how we may need to build our spiritual muscles if we are to lift high our cross.

One of my favorite parts of the *Rite of Acceptance* is the signing of the senses, which immediately follows the reception of the cross. As a sponsor makes the sign of the cross over each part of the body, Father reads the words that remind both them and us, the faithful, of how we use our bodies to live the life Jesus calls us to, to live as followers of Jesus. Read the words below and challenge yourself to ask – do I use this sense for the purpose of bringing God glory?

**Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.**

**Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see the glory of God.**

**Receive the sign of the cross on your lips, that you may respond to the word of God.**

**Receive the sign of the cross over your heart, that Christ dwell there by faith.**

**Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.**

**Receive the sign of the cross on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work you do.**

**Receive the sign of the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.**

My hope is that what we do in RCIA leads a person closer to knowing Jesus, loving Jesus, and following Jesus in their everyday life. The life of a disciple is different than earning a degree or a certification; there's no perfect checklist, nor is there a guarantee that once you become a disciple that you will remain there.

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## EASTER NEWS

**Stay on the 'Right' Path**

In order to minimize back up in our parking lots after the 8:30 am Easter Masses, 'right turn only' will be enforced when you leave the parking lot. If you want to avoid the congestion altogether, Mercy North has always let us use their parking lot—hopefully it will be a gorgeous day for a walk!

We will not have any reserved seating this year so it will be 'first come, first served'—but we will have seating available in both the church and the social hall. That said, we ask the 10:30 attendees to wait until 10:00 am to arrive to make it easier if you wish to find parking in our lot.

We ask for your patience. Be kind to the parking lot attendees, please. Remember, if Christ could die and rise for you, you can get through the parking lot!

**Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Thursday, April 14	7:00 pm Washing of the Feet; Adoration until 10:00 pm (no 8:30 am Mass)
Good Friday, April 15	7:00 pm Passion Reading & Veneration of Cross (Office closed/no 8:30 am Mass)
Easter Vigil, April 16	8:00 pm, Service of Light/Rite of Christian Initiation/Mass; Celebration Party in Mary's Place
Easter, April 17	8:30 & 10:30 am Mass; MPR & Church
Monday, April 18	Faith Formation classes meet (Office closed/no 8:30 am Mass)

## VBS 2022

Go off-road for a **Monumental** adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. The fun runs **June 13-17** from 8:50 am-12:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Jackie King, [jackieking83@gmail.com](mailto:jackieking83@gmail.com) or 515/783-6593. Registration is now open—<https://vbspro.events/p/events/b6f66a>

**Pray for our 2nd Graders**

Check out the photos of our students who will receive their First Communion on the weekend of **April 23 & 24**. Please keep these young ones in your prayers.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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Please remember —  
*Ronald Graves, father of Jon Graves.*  
God grant him eternal rest.

**Money Counters**

**Monday, April 11:** Jolee Belzung, Nancy Rude, Susan Thornton  
**Tuesday, April 19:** Pat Battani, Virginia Dahm, Sheila Mattheis, Kirk Schwiete, Ruth Ward, Bob White





### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APR 10

Sun: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1-49

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13–53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1–19:42

Sat: Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15–15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32–4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sun:  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

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### Bring Your Palms

The DM Faith Committee for Peace invites you to their annual Palm Sunday procession and prayer service THIS Sunday, **April 10**. Gather at 2:30 pm at the DMIEC bldg. (3306 University). Cars park in the North parking lot; walkers gather in the South parking lot. Procession begins at 3:00 pm and processes down Cottage Grove to Grace United Methodist Church (37th & Cottage Grove). Service is at 3:30 pm with speaker Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa "Who Are My Adversaries?"

## FEED THE HUNGRY

### Turn in Your Rice Bowls

How have you been doing with our Parish Lenten Project? Holy Week is the time to turn them in; 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*.

## SHELTER THE HOMELESS

A huge thank you to our volunteers that helped serve Family Promise guests March 27-April 3. Two adults and four children enjoyed your delicious meals and hospitality. Our next week to host is **May 29 - June 5**, and we'll be back at OLIH!

## CLOTHE THE NAKED

### 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.

## LEND SUPPORT

### Knit One Purl Two

Time for a change in projects! This month our focus is on "Kitty Snuggle" blankets & cat toys for ARL. Our lunch meeting will be on Thursday, **April 14** at a local restaurant. Please join us by contacting Vicki Woodward, [vlwoodward00@gmail.com](mailto:vlwoodward00@gmail.com) or 515/210-3797.

### Help Your Neighbor

The Penelope 38, 717 NE 5th Street (low-income senior apartment complex located about half a mile from OLIH) is looking for a few volunteers (open to individuals, families or groups). Can you help with:

1. Transportation for seniors to doctors' appointments, grocery store, church, etc.
2. Companionship for those with little family/friends
3. Lead a monthly craft activity with 10-12 residents

They also accept donations of food, puzzles, craft supplies – anything really! If you can help, contact Kate Rittman, [krittman@ahepahousing.org](mailto:krittman@ahepahousing.org) or 515/965-0246.

### Habitat Help

**We need your help** this spring to build and repair homes right here in Central Iowa. Our partners at Bankers Trust want to help. They've sponsored a \$50 donation for each of the first 100 volunteers to sign up for a shift **between April 13 and April 22**. contact [enews@gdmhabitat.org](mailto:enews@gdmhabitat.org) for more info. *That's a \$5,000 donation to GDM Habitat you can help unlock!*

**TWO APPEALS**

**Help Us Reach Our Goal!**

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is a way for each parish to support all the parishes in the Diocese. Once you leave the Des Moines metro area, the diocesan parishes you encounter are small and rural, until you reach Council Bluffs. Contributing to the ADA helps provide the smaller rural parishes, that have much smaller staff, with faith-enriching resources for their parishioners.



The ADA is not optional—every parish contributes an amount based on its ability to pay. For OLIH that amount is \$281,000 and we are at 63% with just 403 of our families (17% of our total) contributing. Let’s come together and wrap up this year’s ADA in April by successfully meeting our goal.

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.

**Common Questions about the Ignite! Campaign**

**How will the Diocese determine the pledge amounts that families are asked to consider?**

Pledge amounts are based, in large part, on your previous generosity toward the Diocese of Des Moines, your history of parish support, and whether you participated in the planning study. The Stewardship Office certainly doesn’t know everyone’s financial situation, however, Bishop Joensen’s goal is to challenge every family to make a meaningful gift. Please note, the suggested pledge amount is not an expectation. It is an invitation for each family to participate at a meaningful level. We will be grateful for any support you offer.

**How are parish goals determined?**

A Clergy Committee comprised of 13 pastors from parishes throughout the Diocese was engaged to determine parish goals, which are based on 1.28 times the average annual offertory over the three previous years. A parish goal is not a mandate. Parishes will not be billed for the difference if they do not achieve their goal provided they put forth a good faith effort to reach the campaign goal.

**Learning Sign Language**

Are you trained in ASL? Do you wish to interpret at Mass? Join Sue Gudenkauf and Peggy Chicoine in a virtual webinar series that trains individuals with a background in ASL how to sign the Mass. Series begins **April 19**, 6:00-8:00 pm and goes through May 5. Register at [lifeinterpreter.com](http://lifeinterpreter.com).



**AROUND THE DIOCESE**



The Diocese of Des Moines is looking to hire a Director of Finance.

For more information contact Sarah Assman at (515) 782-5372 or [sassman@thepalmergroup.com](mailto:sassman@thepalmergroup.com).



**Monday, April 11**

8:30 am Tracy Schultz †

**Tuesday, April 12**

8:30 am Richard & Mary Middleton †

5:30 pm Evelyn Turczynski †

**Wednesday, April 13**

8:30 am Cheryl Bruder †

**Holy Thursday, April 14**

7:00 pm Washing of the Feet; Adoration (until 10 pm)

**Good Friday, April 15**

7:00 pm Passion Reading & Veneration of Cross

**Saturday, April 16**

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 17**

8:30 am Kathy Schweers †

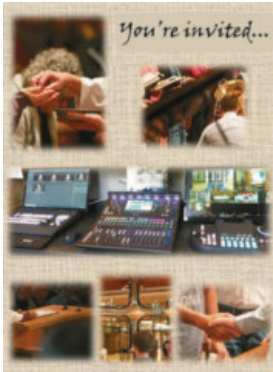
8:30 am People of the Parish (in MPR)

10:30 am Michelle Williams †

10:30 am Andre Kukovica † (in MPR)



## MINISTRY APPRECIATION



*You're invited...* Last Saturday, over 93 of our liturgical ministers—Lectors, Hospitality Ministers, Music Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, and members of the LiveStream team—gathered for a long overdue morning of appreciation and a refresher on their duties.

Led by **Erin Stoltenberg**, Director of Liturgy, with a keynote by **Fr Michael**, participants had the opportunity to attend their choice of two workshops, depending on their assigned ministry or one they had an interest in. These 'nuts and bolts' sessions were led by staff members **Erin**, **Tom Primmer**, **Amy Wall** and **Joan Ski**. An additional 'Lenten Reflection' session was led by **Patty Mayer**.

If you were unable to attend and you are on the list, look forward to receiving copies of the handouts for your ministry. If you have any questions or if you are interested in finding out about any of the ways you can help to celebrate

the Mass and bring that experience to others, contact the office for more details, 515/964-3038.



April 10, 2022

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

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

Palm Sunday can seem like a study in contrasts. We hear the jubilant account of Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem. Then we listen to the Passion narrative, reminded that Jesus' kingship bears little resemblance to royalty as we perceive it. He will suffer and he will die. As Paul describes it, "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him." Jesus tries to explain this to the disciples, who don't fully grasp the events about to take place, instead quarreling over who would be the greatest. Yet even in this chaos of misunderstanding, Jesus continues to teach them, promising that those who stand by him in his trials will join him in the kingdom of heaven. There are certainly times when we fail to fully perceive and understand all that the Lord is teaching us, or why we are undergoing certain trials and difficulties. As we enter into Holy Week, we can ask Jesus to help us understand the meaning of the cross in our own lives, using this time to reflect on the meaning of his sacrifice for each of us.

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

As we listen to the Passion narrative, we hear Peter betray Jesus, the soldiers jeer at him, and a passer-by being told to carry Christ's cross. Only Luke's account describes the two criminals, one of whom demanded that Jesus "save yourself and us." The second criminal rebukes him, asking Jesus to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." After Jesus dies, the centurion glorifies God, a good man takes him down from the cross, the women prepare his body for burial. As we enter Holy Week, we will have time to reflect on Jesus' last days, but also on the individuals in the crowd the day he died. How did they react? How would we have reacted? What can we learn from the women who stayed beside Jesus, the criminal who looked beyond his own pain and sin to see Jesus as Messiah, and even Peter in his initial betrayal? During the week ahead, we can also make an effort to attend each liturgy of the Triduum, using this time to deepen our faith as we prepare for Easter.



**PRAY** Take time to read the Passion narrative at home. Invite Jesus into your heart. If you've fallen a little behind on your Lenten commitments, Holy Week is a great time to hit refresh.

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Following Jesus requires us to change how we live our life because we know Jesus, to continue to make choices that lead us closer to Jesus, AND to walk with others to do the same! As I said, becoming a follower of Jesus is not easy and it's not so much about us as it is about Jesus and becoming the person He calls us to be.

During this Holy Week my prayer for you is that this Lenten season has opened your heart in new ways to how you may seek, love, and follow Jesus! I look forward to seeing you this week as we journey with our Lord through His passion and His resurrection!

This week as we *Seek Him, Love Him and Follow Him:*

- Wednesday – 5:30-6:30 pm Adoration/final chance for Reconciliation; 6:30-7:00 pm prayer service.
- Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm
- Friday – Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
- Saturday – Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 with a reception to follow.

**Patty Mayer**

Director of Adult Faith Formation | RCIA Coordinator | Spiritual Director

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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




Mike Schaffer  
Duane Spalding  
Nancy Stefani  
Roger Stefani  
Gary Vanderley  
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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.

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 THIS Sunday, **April 10** will be noted in the bulletin.



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