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## Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

Friday:

7 am - 3:30 pm

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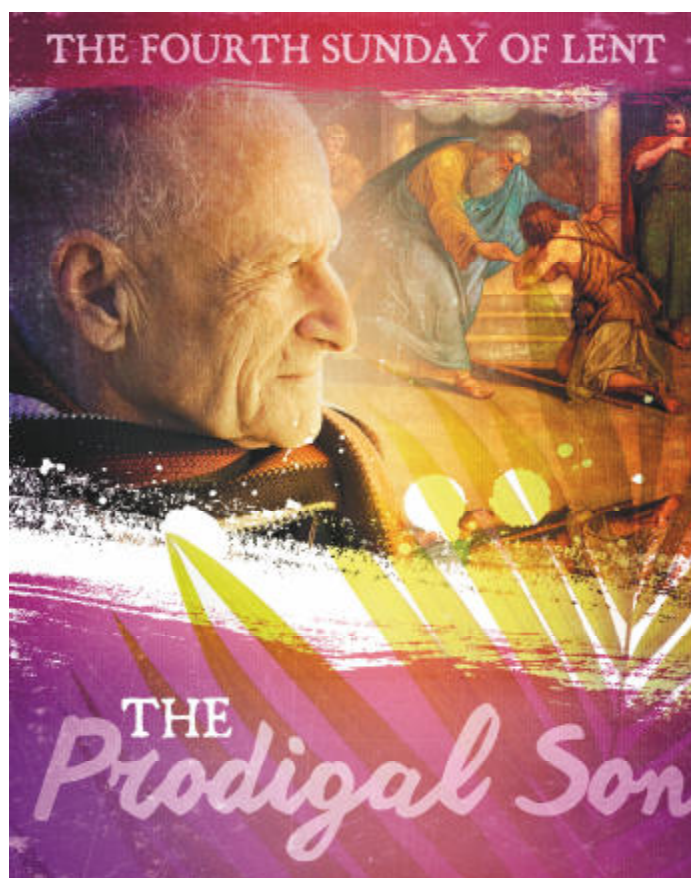
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March 31, 2019  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



**Friday, April 5th @ 8:30 am - Arnold Brawner**

**Sunday, April 7th @ 8:30 am - Marie Tieskoetter**

**Liturgical Ministers for April 7th**

8:30 am: Sacristan: Irene Leonard  
 EM: Charlene Vig De Wagner  
 Mary Weber Tom Wieseler  
 Carol Woods Boren Pete Bahl  
 Sharon Dendurent Sue Schettler

Lectors: Cindy Kendall Dave Klostermann

Servers: Natalie Clark Alex Fencel  
 Claire Gaffney Dallas Olberding

Greeters: John & Cindy Pospisil  
 Brian Dake  
 Brett & Diane Kimm  
 Ruth Horton

*Readings  of the Week*

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn  
 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-  
 30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn  
 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:**  
 Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn  
 8:1-11

**Communal Penance will be held at the following parishes in April:**

St. Joseph, Marion - Saturday, April 6th @ 10:30 am  
 St. Jude, Cedar Rapids - Thursday, April 11th @ 7 pm  
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Saturday, April 13th @ 10:30 am

**Scheduled Masses:**

**All Saints:**

Saturday @ 4 pm  
 Sunday @ 10:30 am

**St. Isidore the Farmer:**

Saturday @ 6 pm

**St. John the Baptist:**

Sunday @ 8:30 am



**Weekly Contribution  
March 24, 2019**

Budget, Adults.....	\$3,053.00
Loose Coin/Currency .....	\$234.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$20.00
Total .....	\$3,307.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Meetings and Activities of the Week**

**Monday, April 1st**

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer

**Tuesday, April 2nd**

8:30 am - Adoration  
 6:30 pm - RCIA Session



**Wednesday, April 3rd**

9:00 am - St. Anne's Circle  
 6:00 pm - FF classes grades 4th - 8th  
 7:00 pm - FF classes grades 9th - 12th  
 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Leaders: Ryan/Fall)  
 8 - 10 pm - Adoration

**Thursday, April 4th**

6:30 pm - Liturgy Commission Mtg.  
 7:00 pm - Social Justice Commission Mtg.

**Friday, April 5th**

5 - 7:30 pm - KC Fish Fry  
 (Corner of Mt. Vernon Rd. and Hwy 13. Behind Casey's



**Saturday, April 6th**

10:30 am - Communal Reconciliation at St. Joseph, Marion

## Take Action - The Death Penalty

The Iowa Legislature is considering a bill that would reinstate the death penalty in Iowa. The newest revision of the Catholic Catechism states: **"the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person", and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."** (CCC #2267)" Please take a moment to share this action alert to Iowa State Senators opposing the reinstatement of the death penalty in Iowa:

<https://www.votervoices.net/ICC/Campaigns/64121/Respond>

## For more information on the Death Penalty:

[ICC Action Alert](#)

Iowa Bishops' Statement in Opposition to the

## TAKE ACTION - Asylum Seeker Rights

Please [click here](#) to contact the Department of Homeland Security and ask they rescind the Remain in Mexico policy and instead support asylum seekers.

"Under the Remain in Mexico policy, certain asylum seekers, including families, are sent back to Mexico **to wait throughout the duration of** their immigration court proceedings in the U.S, which could take months in which people are living in dangerous and inadequate conditions."



**Mark your calendars for the 2020 Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ, Fearless. Faithful. On Fire** Saturday, January 25, Doubletree by Hilton, Cedar Rapid. Contact your sisters, mothers, daughters, and friends to save-the-date!

## "Essential Elements of a Strong Catholic Marriage" Day



All married couples are invited to strengthen their marriage by attending the Archdiocese of Dubuque "Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage" renewal day led by Greg and Julie Alexander on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Ludmila Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Learn more and register by visiting:

[www.DBQArch.org/Events](http://www.DBQArch.org/Events) and clicking on the date. For questions, contact Matt Selby, Director of Marriage and Family Life, at 563-556-2580, ext. 233 or [m.selby@DBQArch.org](mailto:m.selby@DBQArch.org).

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

When I was first in parish work, I remember the parish priest talking with the schoolchildren about the topic of Lent and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He asked them if any of them knew what fasting was. After a very long wait, one student raised his hand and said, **"It is what I do when my Mom is mad at me. I run really fast!"** The adults in the assembly burst into laughter.

Laughter is good. However, the Lenten devotions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are very serious practices for us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

As our catechumens prepare for the Easter sacraments, we are called by the Church to model what it means to be a Catholic Christians. We are called, especially during this Lenten season, to pray, fast, and give from the wealth we have to those who need our assistance.

This season is not merely a season of obligation to act more intently as God calls us to act; it is a season of opportunity to practice the foundation of our faith more attentively: prayer, fasting, almsgiving.



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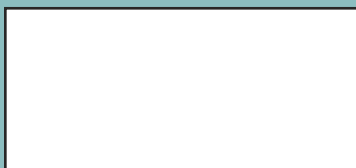
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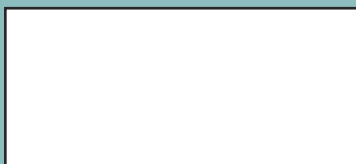
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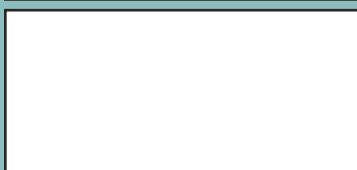
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