Christ Our Hope

December 29, 2019, The Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

Mass Schedule December 30, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Mon. 12-30-19 No Mass

Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tues. 12-31-19 SM 4:00 pm Estella Bergeson and L/D Kuennen & Wichman Family

Tues. 12-31-19 SL 6:00 pm For all the cluster parishioners

Wed. 1-1-20 OLMC 10:00 am Mary Lou Winter, Barbara, Cletus, Cyril, Lawrence & Albert Blong and Jim Reicks

Thurs. 1-2-20 HT 8:45 am Reuben & Emma Moravetz

Fri. 1-3-20 OLMC 8:30 am Ken Kipp and Carol Kuennen

Weekend Mass

Sat. 1-4-20 SM 4:00 pm For all the cluster parishioners

Sun. 1-5-20 SJN 8:30 am Rose & Mike Steffen and Richard & Vivian Phillips

Sun. 1-5-20 ABVM 10:30 am Wilmer Landa Sr.

ADORATION –

Thurs 9:30-10:30 am; Fri 7:15-8:15 am

RECONCILIATION—Any time by appointment, or Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm and Sunday, 7:45—8:15 am before the Mass

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Little Turkey
Holy Trinity
Protivin
Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Lawler
St. John
Nepomucene
Fort Atkinson
St. Luke
St. Lucas
St. Mary
Waucoma
Friends,

Merry Christmas to you all!!! I pray that you are able to continue to live into the joy of the Christmas feast through these next weeks as we continue celebrating the Christmas Season.

The Church offers us the Feast of the Holy Family immediately following Christmas; reminding us that God became man in Jesus and chose to live a real human life in a real human family. Our families are the arenas where the drama of our growth in holiness is meant to unfold.

Below is a beautiful prayer for families, that we may grow to reflect the life of the Holy Family:

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

(Courtesy of the Missionaries of the Holy Family)

Please know of my prayers for your family this feast day!

In Christ our hope,
Fr. Aaron

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**Pray For...**

*Cluster Prayer Chain*

Please pray for Peter Kriener, Rosemary Kriener, Dennis Franzen, Edmund (Sam) Samec, Barbara Kubesh Jacobs, Evelyn Hruska, Doris Bouska, and Deano Kuennen.

*Please pray for all caregivers and those in their care.*

*Millie Ann Haught, daughter of Sara and Justin Haught, was baptized on Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. Mary. May God’s joy and blessings always be with her and her family.*

**Reflection**

*Question for Children:* When is it the hardest for you to obey your parents?

*Question for Youth:* In Colossians, St. Paul lays out a way of life for the followers of Christ. As you read through this list, which one of these is most difficult for you to follow? Which one is easiest?

*Question for Adults:* We are invited to let the word of Christ dwell within us and direct our daily lives. Which one of the lifestyle suggestions in this reading speaks most loudly to you?

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**Readings for the Week**

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**Notes:**
Reminder—Earlier this year we shifted our cluster offices upstairs in the Protivin Rectory. Please use the upstairs entrance located off the church parking lot.

Organists - Just a reminder to turn your time sheets into the office as soon as possible. Thanks.

2020 Budget Envelopes - There has been an unforeseen delay with the budget envelopes we ordered for our parishes. The company is hoping to have the 2020 envelopes to us sometime in January. In the meantime please mark any donation with your name and parish.

The End of 2019 is fast approaching. The IRS has sent a notice that all 2019 contributions must be made in 2019. Please work with us to comply. We can and do get audited. Thank you for your understanding.

Office Hours—

The parish office will be closed Dec. 30 - Jan. 1, for the holidays. The office will be open normal hours, 8:00 am—3:00 pm, on Thursday and Friday.

The faith formation office in Lawler will be closed Dec. 23-Jan. 1. Normal hours, 7:00-12:00, will resume January 2.

If You Are New To The Area, turned 18, or recently married, we encourage you to register at one of our cluster parishes. We would like to get to know you and show you how you can become an active member of the parish. Check it out on christourhopecluster.com or call the office at 563-569-8259.

Name_______________________________________
Phone_______________________________________
Address_____________________________________
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Circle the parish town you wish to join.

Fort Atkinson          Lawler          Little Turkey
Protivin               St. Lucas        Waucoma

You can complete the following and mail it to our office, or place it in the collection basket. God bless.
## Stewardship and Ministry Schedules

### Stewardship of Treasure Dec. 15, 2019

| Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **Budget**                           | $655.00                         |
| **Offertry**                         | $                              |
| **Thanksgiving**                     | $295.00                         |
| **Flowers**                          | $60.00                          |
| **Total**                            | $1,010.00                       |

| Holy Trinity                         | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **Budget**                           | $3,668.18                       |
| **Offertry**                         | $215.25                         |
| **Flowers**                          | $235.00                         |
| **Sanctuary lamp**                   | $20.00                          |
| **Christmas**                        | $415.00                         |
| **Total**                            | $4,553.43                       |

| Our Lady of Mount Carmel             | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **Budget**                           | $1,700.00                       |
| **Offertry**                         | $160.00                         |
| **Thanksgiving**                     | $335.00                         |
| **Roof**                             | $400.00                         |
| **Christmas**                        | $1,010.00                       |
| **Total**                            | $3,605.00                       |

| St. John Nepomucene                  | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **Budget**                           | $3,380.00                       |
| **Offertry**                         | $256.00                         |
| **Christmas**                        | $25.00                          |
| **Flowers**                          | $40.00                          |
| **Thanksgiving**                     | $25.00                          |
| **Retired Religious**                | $375.00                         |
| **Total**                            | $4,101.00                       |

| St. Mary                              | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **Budget**                           | $566.00                         |
| **Offertry**                         | $                              |
| **Sacramental**                      | $100.00                         |
| **Retired Religious**                | $60.00                          |
| **Flowers**                          | $25.00                          |
| **Insurance**                        | $24,264.94                      |
| **Total**                            | $25,015.94                      |

### Need help with your heating bill? The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program can help qualifying low income Iowa homeowners and renters. You will need to provide proof of Income, Social Security numbers for all household members, recent heat bill and electric bill. Contact the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation in your area: Cresco 563-547-4413; Decorah 563-382-8436 ext. 150; New Hampton 641-394-2007; West Union 563-422-3354

### St. John Nepomucene 1/5

**LECTOR** - Laure Rausch  
**ALTAR SERVERS** - Marcus Herold, Jackson Vsetecka  
**OFFERTORY** - Ray Lensing & Paige Kuennen  
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** - Jessica Schmitt, Joe Skrenta, Laure Rausch, John Bakula, Jeannie Boyer, Ann Herold  
**USHERS** - Jack Herold, Ivan Lensing, Gene Elsbernd, Leon Shatek  
**SACRISTAN** - Cindy Lensing  
**ROSARY** - Virgin Kuhn  
**COUNTERS** - Patty Einwalter, Laure Rausch

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1/5

**LECTOR** -  
**ALTAR SERVERS** -  
**OFFERTORY** -  
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** -  
**USHERS** -  
**SACRISTAN** -  
**COUNTERS** -

### Home Eucharist

**ST. LUKE** - Dec 29 - Barb Reicks 778-2349; Jan 5 - Veronica Boyer 563-379-2727  
**OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL** - Dec 28 - Deb Speltz 238-7731; Jan 1 - Pat Sheridan 238-2402; Jan 4 - Pat Lynch 776-9841

### Next Event / Funeral

**ST. LUKE** – Unit 3  
**ST. MARY**—Circle 2  
**OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL**—Group 9

### Meetings

**Assumption of the BVM Parish Life Meeting**, Sunday, Jan 5, 9:45 before the 10:30 Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
**OLMC Parish Society** Meeting, Tues, Jan. 7, 7:00 pm, in the church meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
**St. Luke Parish Life Meeting**, Monday, Jan 13, 6:00. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Holiday Open House at the German-American Museum of St. Lucas from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 29. Come tour the school/museum and historic displays, view the Christmas decorations and atmosphere and enjoy the treats. 57th annual you-can-eat Pancake & Sausage Supper by St. Wenceslaus Holy Name Society will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, at Chihak Hall in Spillville. Serving from 3:30-8:00 p.m. Tickets available from Holy Name members, Ernie’s Ag Center, and Citizens Bank in Spillville. Adults $8 in advance, $8.50 at the door; children 5-12 $4; and under free. Carryouts available.

St. Benedict Parish in Decorah will be hosting a series of Lectures. The 1st lecture will be Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:00-8:00 pm in the St. Benedict Parish Hall. Professor and St. Benedict Parishioner, Loren Toussaint will be presenting – FORGIVING AND LIVING: Finding Health and Happiness in a Forgiving Life. Please join us for an enlightening evening!

BINGO Nite - Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm, Starlite Ballroom, Lawler. $20 a card. Sponsored by Lawler Lions Club.

Cowboy Poetry & Western Music - Friday, Jan 24 & Saturday, Jan 25. Swiss steak dinner at 6:00, show at 7:15. All proceeds benefit all Chickasaw County Libraries. Advance tickets only, $25, available at local banks (New Hampton, Lawler, Ionia, Fredericksburg, Nashua, Frederika). For additional information contact carla.dreckman@yahoo.com

Do you desire to grow closer to Jesus long after the Christmas decorations are put away? Then join us to hear Hallie Lord and Katie Prejean who will set our hearts on fire for Jesus at the Archdiocesan Women’s Conference, Beauty in Christ: Fearless! Faithful! On Fire! on Saturday, Jan 25, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM (doors open at 7:00 AM). The day includes Mass with Archbishop Jackels. Discount rates apply until Monday, January 6, 2020. To register go to: https://archwomensconference.org/registration/. (Financial assistance is available.)

Sunday Dec. 29 Feast of the Holy Family Sanctuary of Life

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Though he was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family – a family which points the way for the rest of us. The family is the sanctuary of life. There can be no life without family, and there can be no family without life. The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be. One of the many reasons why the Pope and bishops identify abortion and euthanasia as pre-eminent issues is because these crimes are committed by one family member upon another. May the Holy Family lead us to a Culture of Life!

Priests for Life